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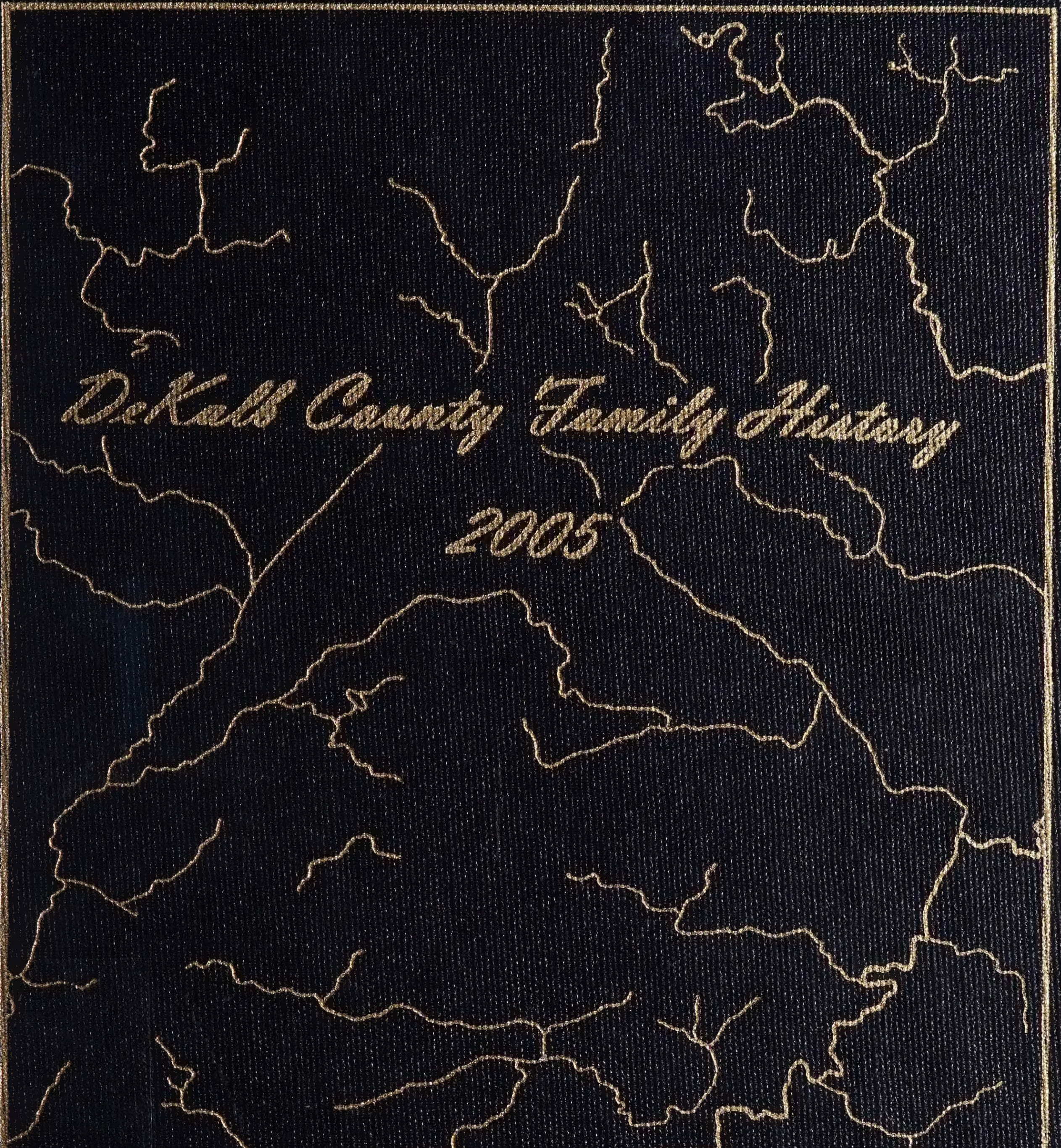

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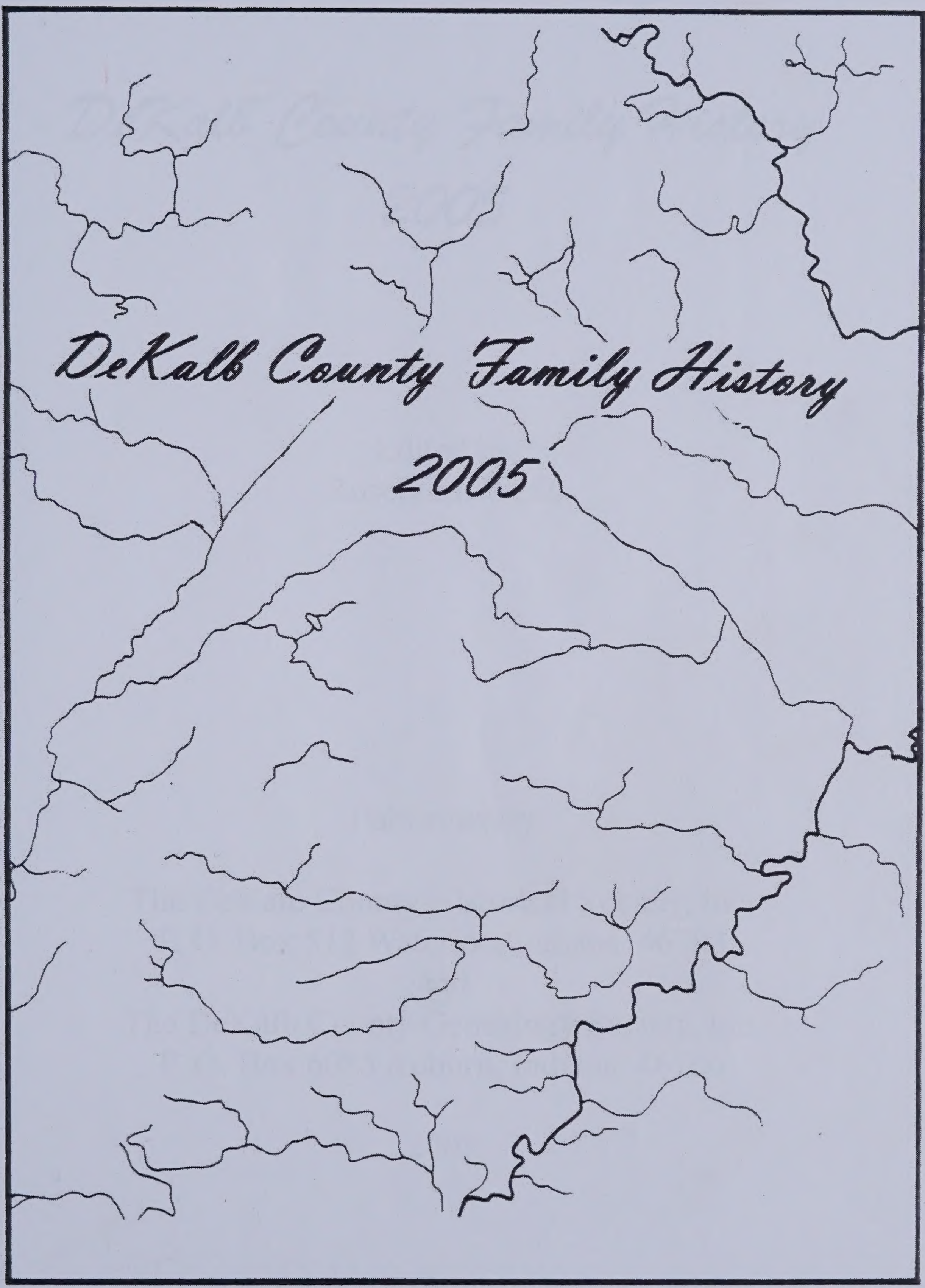

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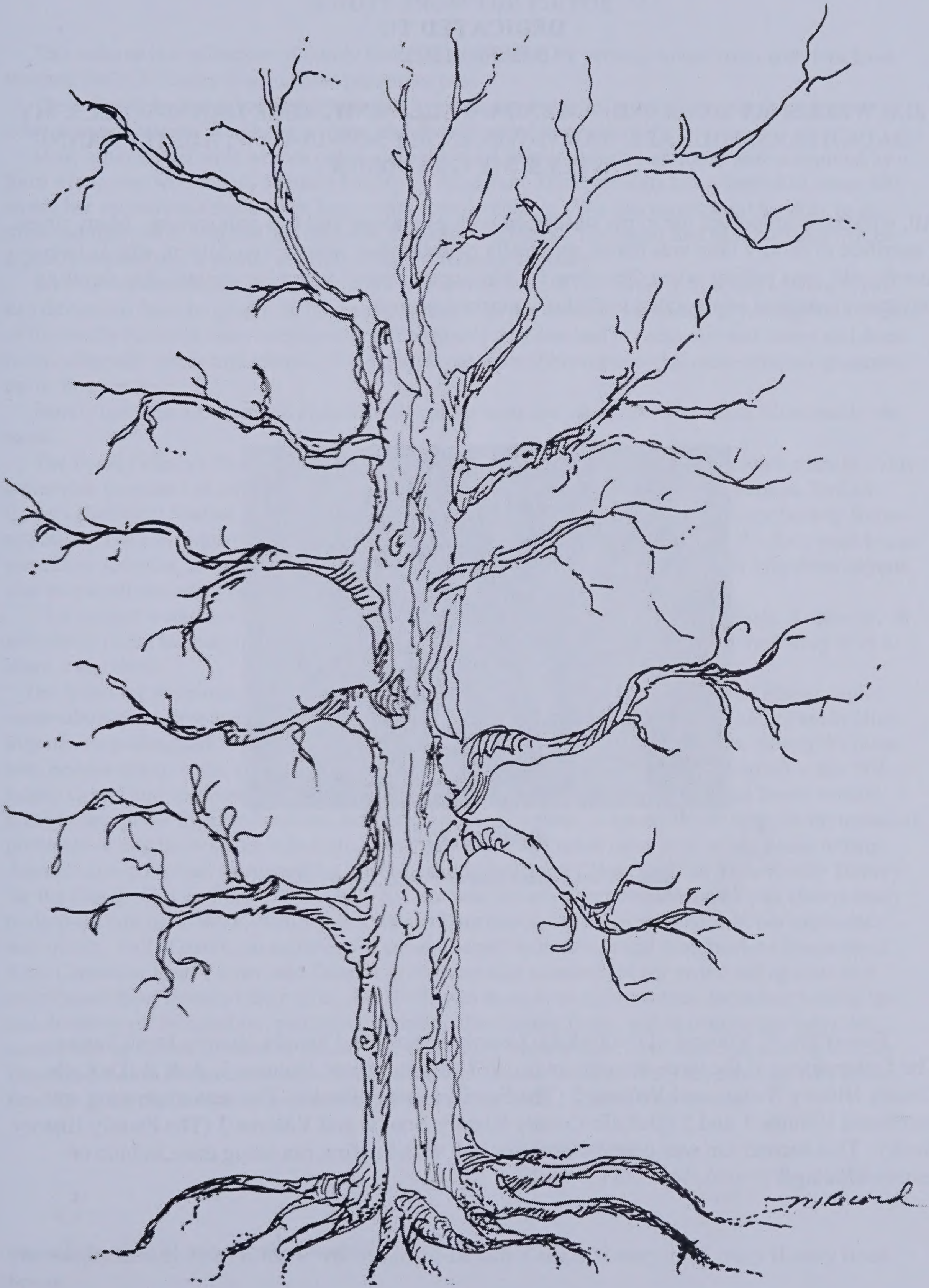
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MY FAMILY

JIM WELLS, MY HUSBAND; AMANDA WELLS AND JAIME HANNI-WELLS, MY DAUGHTERS; MICHAEL HANNI-WELLS, MY SON-IN-LAW; AUSTIN HANNI-WELLS, MY GRANDSON

All, who have supported me in my obsession with genealogy and this publication. Many times, a sacrifice of family time was made, especially over this last year. Even Austin, who is twenty months old, was patient when Grandma couldn't come "play" when he wanted. My family's assistance was also appreciated with this important project.

Roselyn I. Wells

Editor of the *DeKalb County Family History 2005.*

This is the 4th Volume of the DeKalb County History and Family History Book Series. The first printing of the three volume set in 1987 was numbered Volume 1, A & B (DeKalb County History Books) and Volume 2 (The Family History Book). The second printing was numbered Volume 1 and 2 (DeKalb County History Books) and Volume 3 (The Family History Book). This second run was done in the color red, with the first run being done in blue or leather binding.

Picture credit: Picture by Gregg Williamson

A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

This volume is a collection of family histories contributed by persons whose roots and lives have touched DeKalb County at some time present or past.

These family histories have been solicited by newspaper articles, word of mouth, flyers sent to other county libraries, newsletter articles, and flyers handed out personally.

Most submissions were written out in a biographical format already and some were submitted by a form which was written into a family history by the editor. Histories were to be limited to about 500 words but we were not strict when larger ones were handed in. We also encouraged handing in pictures and these were scanned and added to the family histories. The pages that have pictures will be digitally entered into a printer at Printmasters of Auburn, Indiana.

Editing was done to the best of our ability; however, time did not allow correction of some flaws and deviations from biography to biography which were the result of variations of writing style. Some of the family histories were intentionally left primarily as submitted to preserve local flavor and document colloquial syntax and idioms. We did spell out most abbreviations and make obvious grammatical or flow errors.

Family histories are arranged alphabetically in the book and an every name index is located in the back.

The Family History Project was set up by a steering committee chosen by John Martin Smith. This committee consisted of John Martin Smith, DeKalb County Historian; Gregg Williamson, DeKalb County Historical Society Representative; Roselyn Wells, DeKalb County Genealogy Society Representative. The steering committee met many times to set up the basic guidelines. We then went to our respective societies, asking for people to sign up for this project. We also asked for help from anyone else interested through word of mouth and newspaper articles.

This project would not have been completed without the help of various individuals. Foremost, the submitters of the biographies were very important. They took the time out of their very busy lives to share with others.

The following people stepped up to the challenge of assisting with the book. Lynn Kaiser copied most submissions dropped off at the Willennar Center and also led two DeKalb County Family History meetings designed to give people advice on how to write their family histories. Gregg Williamson, besides being on the steering committee, also copied many submissions dropped off at the Willennar Center and volunteered to print and fold many flyers for us to hand out. Patti Davis worked many hours on the flyers to hand out and proofread many entries. Amanda Wells helped with technical problems setting the book up into digital form, proofread and made many trips to my house to help. Amanda also presented a program for the Genealogy Society on "How to Write Your Family History for the *Family History Book 2005*." Judy Richter was one of our proofreaders who was always ready to drop everything to work, even when it was without notice. She also assisted with her experience and advice. Sally Garrett, an experienced author, helped with advice and proofread the biographies. Ruth Camarata, Janet Carper, and Tanya Kryder were also members of our proofreading team that contributed many hours of their time. Jim Wells was there in many capacities, including picking up and dropping off biographies, picking up supplies, distributing flyers, and in many other ways that would take up too much room to name. Our Genealogy Society Executive Board consisting of Julia Duncan, Susanna Johnson, Amanda Wells, Scot Vincent and Roselyn Wells arranged for part of our funding. Also check out our sponsors in the back of the book. Thanks to everyone!

Roselyn Wells
Editor of *The Family History Book 2005*

The Family History Book is the 4th volume in the DeKalb County History and Family History Book Series.

Donald Robert Aiken and Joanne L. Standen

Donald Robert Aiken, born in Grand Rapids, Michigan, 06 January 1932, and was raised on the one hundred year family farm west of Newaygo, Michigan, his first ten years. The family moved ten miles to Fremont, Michigan, where he had been enrolled from Kindergarten through High School. He attended Alma College two years and graduated from Central Michigan College in 1953. He was drafted into the US Army during the Korean conflict and served at Fort Story, Virginia. He had no brothers or sisters.

His father was Douglas E. Aiken, youngest of six, and his mother, was Nellie E. Aiken, nee Inman, oldest of eight. Most of their lives were spent in Newaygo County.

Douglas was a millwright and construction worker and Nellie was a Chief Operator for Michigan Bell until her retirement.

Don married Joanne L. Standen on 11 July 1964, in Alpena, Michigan. She was born on 05 May 1941, to Leo and Kathryn Standen of the same city. Her older sister, Dixie Julian and a younger brother and sister, Jere Standen and Mary Minnick all lived in Alpena. She went to school from kindergarten through 12th grade in Alpena and graduated from Alpena Community College with an Associate Degree. She attended a Michigan State five year teaching program and taught grade school at Oscoda, Michigan. After their marriage she did substitute teaching in the Auburn, Indiana, school system. When their daughter Kathryn entered their lives, Joanne became a full time homemaker. She was involved in Tri Kappa Sorority for thirty-five years and was President of the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Women's Association.

Donald worked for the National Gypsum Company, Huron Cement Division in Detroit and Alpena for thirty years in various capacities from plant and vessel management to personnel, ending his career in the sales force in Indiana where he retired. He also served on staff of the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum for twenty years in charge of reconstruction of galleries and maintaining the building. Service: to the City of Auburn for 25 years, President, Plan Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals; to the Auburn Jaycees, five years as President; Auburn Presbyterian Church for forty years as Elder; Auburn Cord Duesenberg Festival for twenty years as Vice-President and Tour Director; Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum for twenty years, President and Staff.

Their children are: Cynthia Moorman who has one child, Jerald, who lives at Union, Ohio. Her employer is Fed Ex; Kathryn Aiken Refuer who has one child, Josephine Elise who lives in Auburn, Indiana. Her husband is Charles “Toby” Refner, President of Refner Concrete. She is a homemaker and graduate of IUPU. They live in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Submitted by Donald Robert Aiken

Donald Gene Allen and Aneita Kay Mitchell

Don and Aneita Allen moved to rural Butler, Indiana, (Artic) in June of 1969. They met in Waukegan, Illinois, where Don was a high school history teacher and Aneita was a school librarian. After they married on 22 June 1968, in West LeRoy, Michigan, and started a family, they moved to Indiana to be closer to their families.

Donald Gene Allen was born 27 November 1931, near Fayetteville (Lawrence County) Indiana, the son of David Glen Allen and Fannie Cezar. He has an older sister. The Allens were from Indianapolis.

The Cezars immigrated from what was then Austria (now Slovenia) in 1906. Fannie, their third child, was the first born in the United States (born 1907 in Chicago).

Aneita Kay Mitchell was born in Hillsdale (Hillsdale County) Michigan, 08 February 1942, the first of eight children of Robert Edgar Mitchell and Helen Elizabeth Willison. The Willisons had settled in Barry County, Michigan, in the 1830's from New York State; and the Mitchells settled in Sumner County, Tennessee, sometime before 1808 from North Carolina. Robert's father moved his family north, first to Indianapolis, then to Barry County, Michigan, because of a shortage of jobs in Tennessee after the Civil War.

Don served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War, stationed on the battleship U.S.S. Wisconsin. Then he attended Indiana University (Bloomington, Indiana) on the G.I. Bill, receiving B.A. and M.A. degrees in Social Studies.

Aneita attended Wheaton College (Wheaton, Illinois), earning a B.A. degree in Literature. She then earned a Masters of Library Science at Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo, Michigan.

Don and Aneita had three children: Sara Kristine (born 13 December 1969); Jennifer Carol (born 20 February 1975); David Gregory (born 01 October 1976).

Sara graduated from Wheaton College (Wheaton, Illinois) and Dominican University (River Forest, Illinois) and is a librarian at Wheaton College.

Jennifer graduated from Taylor University (Upland, Indiana), served two years in the Peace Corps teaching English in Kyrgyzstan, and married John Barry Sargent from Spencer, Indiana, in November of 2000. She currently works at the Garrett Public Library.

David graduated from Purdue University in 1998 and is currently a conductor on the CSX Railroad, working out of Garrett, Indiana.

Don's teaching career of nearly thirty years took him to public schools in Greensburg, Indiana, to Salem, Indiana, to Waukegan, Illinois, to Hamilton, Indiana. His last teaching years were spent at Faith Christian Academy (now Lakewood Park Christian School) in Auburn, Indiana. He is now retired. He spends his days working on their one hundred thirty-five year old home and raising a vegetable garden every summer.

Aneita was a school librarian at Waukegan, Illinois, before her marriage. After her children were in school, she worked as a teacher at Faith Christian Academy one year and as the Children's Librarian at the Waterloo-Grant Township Public Library (Waterloo, Indiana) for eighteen years before retiring in 2002. Aneita sells used books in her retirement.

Submitted by Aneita Allen

Miles Allen and Mary Jane Beggs

Miles Allen was born about 1815 in Connecticut to Benjamin and Susanna Russell Allen. He entered a land patent in Fairfield Township, DeKalb County, Indiana, in 1838 and was one of the first settlers of Fairfield Township. With eight others, Miles signed papers petitioning to make Fairfield a township. He was a farmer.

It is speculated that he might have bought land, planning on making a profit and then move on. A neighbor, Chauncy Allen (possibly a brother) had done this. He moved to Michigan, after making a fairly quick profit on his land in Indiana.

Miles married Mary Jane Beggs 21 May 1842 in Trumball County, Ohio, Johnston Township. They had six children: Areilla, Emily Melissa, Amanda, Thaviland, Sarah, and David Miles who was born after Miles died.

Mary Jane Beggs was born about 1823 to Archibald Beggs, the son of James Beggs of Dungamon County, Tyrone (near Belfast) North Ireland and Marie Brogton.

Miles died of a liver complaint November 1849 at the age of 39 and is buried in Fairfield Cemetery. After Miles died, Mary Jane married Adam Shatto on 22 June 1852. She had seven more children with Adam: Calvin, Warren N., William H., Jesse Almon, Calvin A., Anna, and Lana.

Mary Jane died 02 March 1902 in Fairfield Township and is buried in Fairfield Cemetery beside her second husband, Adam.

Submitted by Roselyn I. Wells

David Cosper "Cos" Altenburg and Martha (Crise) Altenburg

David Cosper "Cos" Altenburg

David Cosper "Cos" Altenburg was born 14 March 1842 near Auburn, the son of Daniel and Sarah (Latson) Altenburg. He sometimes spelled his last name Altenberg.

He enlisted in Auburn, in Company H Thirtieth Indiana Infantry, on 24 September 1861, for three years, after which he became a veteran as a member of Company A, First Indiana Heavy Artillery. During the early part of the war he was with the Army of the Tennessee; later he was in the Army of the Gulf, stationed at Baton Rouge and New Orleans, where he remained until 11 January 1866, when he was discharged. The last battle of his regiment was at Mobile in 1865. Returning home when the war was over, Mr. Altenberg entered the law department of the University of Michigan, at Ann Arbor, of which he is a graduate with the class of 1870 and from which he received the degree of Bachelor of Laws.

Cos married Martha Crise, daughter of Walter and Mary Jane McGaw Crise on 19 June 1870. They had three children: Mary Jane "Mamie" Altenburg, Elise B. Altenburg, and Rose Altenburg.

Mary Jane "Mamie" married David Baxter Gilbert.

Elise B. was born about 1877 and married Aza Fee. Elise died 20 March 1937.

Rose was born about 1879 and married Arthur E. Sweatland.

In 1870, they moved to Arkansas and took up residence at Augusta, Woodruff County, where he established himself in law practice until 1876. Since that year their home was at Little Rock. For several years he conducted a general law practice but finally gave it up in order to devote his entire time to government claims of all kinds, including pensions, war bounties, etc. In this special branch of the profession, Cos enjoyed a continuously successful and profitable practice, and for more than thirty years he maintained his office at the same location, room 115 of the Fulk building. In Chicago, he also owned two beautiful, residences on Lake Park Avenue, near 32nd Street, overlooking the lake, where they spent their summers. Their Little Rock home place comprised half a block at the corner of Tenth and Cumberland streets. This property he purchased in 1876.

This beautiful house is still there today and is being restored and decorated to the original time era that it was built, by the owners.

Mr. Altenberg attended the Memorial Day ceremonies on the Monday before he died, at National Cemetery, and placed wreaths on the graves of former members of the Grand Army of the Republic with whom he served the duration of the Civil War.

Mr. Altenberg served in the state legislature as a representative of Pulaski County in 1881 and is a past department commander of the Grand Army of the Republic (G.A.R.) At his death he was a member of the National Council of Administration of the Grand Army of the Republic. He was also a member of the board of stewards of the First Methodist Episcopal Church on south eighth and center streets more than 50 years.

On the last few days before his death, his mind would wander and he would call out for his wife. He could not understand why she was not with him.

He was active to the last and helped himself five minutes before he passed away. In fact, he walked to the end of the hall and back, lay down on the bed, took two short breaths and it was all over. He ate three meals a day faithfully until the very last day. His passing was as peaceful, and as comforting as anything of this kind could possibly be.

Cosper died 14 August 1932 in Little Rock, Arkansas. His wife had preceded him in death, 10 November 1929.

Cosper was the oldest practicing attorney in Arkansas when he died.

Submitted by Amanda Wells

Daniel A. Altenburg
And Sarah A. Latson

Daniel A. Altenburg and Sarah Latson

Daniel Altenburg was a Pioneer who came with his family to DeKalb County November 1838. He was born 19 July 1809 in Montgomery County, New York to William Jr. and Elizabeth V. Altenburg. He was the grandson of a Hessian Soldier, Wilhelm Aden Aldenburg. Wilhelm deserted after being injured and then helped train American troops. Wilhelm's wife was Elizabeth Mosher.

Daniel married (1) Sarah Latson (b. 14 March 1833 d. May 24, 1862), daughter of William Latson and Hannah Valleau (2) Emeline, married 1864 and divorced 1867 due to desertion (3) Susan Stine on 03 June 1867, daughter of John and Susanna Stine (b. 18 October 1824 d. 07 June 1915.)

Sarah and Daniel had nine children, four whom served in the civil war. They also had a son-in-law in the Iron Brigade.

Daniel was a tall man with piercing blue eyes. Sarah was beautiful and petite with dark hair and dark eyes.

Daniel and Sarah were living at Sandusky, Ohio, when there was a general panic in 1836 with a lot of businesses failing. They decided to move to Indiana walking and riding in two covered wagons pulled by oxen. In Indiana, they traveled on Indian Trails, sometimes only wide enough for people to walk on. They had to cut branches, etc. to get the wagons through. Near Waterloo, they became lost and the oxen were tangled in the trees and logs. It was snowing and they were very worried as they could not find the only settler in that area to take shelter. They yelled and yelled and finally Isaac Smith and his wife heard them yelling and their baby crying. They had to have raised quite a "ruckus" as there were at least six adults and six children traveling together. When they arrived at Auburn, they stayed with Wesley Parks for about four months until they could move to their cabin two miles east of Auburn. Daniel Wells, their oldest son, four years old, probably met his future wife then. She was the third white child born in Auburn and was only a baby, the daughter of Lancelot Ingman, brother-in-law to Wesley Parks.

The family lived at their homestead until 1874 when Daniel and Susanna moved to Auburn. Daniel increasingly had trouble keeping up with the physical labor needed out in the country after he had a tree fall on him in 1848. The accident broke ribs, crushing his one side, and necessitated the removal of his left arm. He had two subsequent operations, removing more of his arm to try to alleviate his suffering in later years. Before he passed away, his poor head bowed forward until it was difficult for him to look up into someone's face. He was a member of the original Sunday School Class of the Auburn Methodist Church. He was a Justice of the Peace and a regular attendee of the DeKalb Pioneer Meetings. Newspapers in the 1840's were rare in Northeastern Indiana but Daniel was a subscriber and kept informed of current events.

Sarah sounds like she was the anchor in the family, never losing faith that everything would be all right, even starting over in a new place. She brought cuttings of plants and trees with her when she moved to the DeKalb County homestead. In later years, she and Daniel had a small nursery on their farm. She and Daniel used to go to revivals and different churches for meetings whenever they were available. She was full of life and enthusiasm right up until she passed away. She died the same day as her brother, Stephen, who had come out west with her and Daniel. One casket came into the Methodist Church in one door and her brother's casket came into the other door at the same time, meeting in the front center of the church where they lay side by side during the service. They were then laid to rest in the Old Auburn Cemetery. Daniel and Susanna were laid to rest when they died next to where Sarah was buried.

Submitted by Roselyn Wells

Daniel Wells Altenburg and Sophia Ingram

Daniel Wells Altenburg was born 05 May 1834 Utica Genesee County, New York. He was the son of Daniel A. Altenburg and Sarah Latson.

According to a diary, written by Clara Altenburg Zimmerman, "He went to school in a small one-room school house within sight of his home. It had one window, one door, a fireplace and was considered quite enough to start students on their way to higher learning and fame and fortune. The desks were of split logs against the wall on two sides and across one end of the room."

His siblings were: Mary Jane (06 February 1836 Chatauqua County, New York); Henry Esidore (b. April 1838 Sandusky County, Ohio); Harriett "Hattie" (b. 15 May 1840 DeKalb County, Indiana); David Cosper "Cos" (b. 14 March 1842 Auburn, Indiana), Isaac Lancelot (b. 06 June 1844 DeKalb County); Sylvia Almira (b. 14 March 1847 DeKalb County); William James (b. 18 April 1852 DeKalb County); Frances "Frank" Field (b. 18 August 1854 DeKalb County).

He married Sophia Ingram 18 February 1855, daughter of Lancelot and Maria (Truman) Ingman, natives respectively of Fairfield County, Ohio, and London, England; and of English and German descent. Mr. Ingman followed farming most of his life, but was also for some time a cabinet maker. He removed to DeKalb County in 1836, very early in its history, he and his brothers being the first two settlers near Auburn; and in connection with his brother-in-law, Mr. Wesley Parks, located and platted the present city of Auburn. He was for many years a prominent man, and for some time Justice of the Peace. In that place Mr. Ingman died, 02 December 1874; Mrs. Ingman 26 May 1883; and their only daughter besides Sophia, but a little later. Sophia (Ingman) Altenburg was born 01 February 1838 in Auburn, Indiana, and was the third white child born in that place. She lived in Auburn with her parents until eight years of age, when her father traded his cabinet shop and village property for a farm near by, to which they all removed. There she was reared, educated and married.

Mr. and Mrs. Altenburg moved to the county seat; he having been chosen County Surveyor and he surveyed nearly the whole county. He finally resigned, not wishing to serve under a Democratic administration.

Daniel Wells fought in the Civil War in Co. M, 1st Ind. Vol. Heavy Art. He was a DeKalb County Surveyor, Gratiot County Deputy Surveyor, Gratiot County Surveyor, worked as an engineer on the Eel River Railroad that ran through DeKalb County and was a farmer and Maple Sugar Producer. He had seven children: Frank, F. Araminta (Eicher), Henry I., Maria E. (Kauffman), William L., Orville L., and Daniel T.

Daniel died from cancer of the stomach on 01 December 1895 at Newark Township, Gratiot County, Michigan. Sophia died 15 March 1917 at Saginaw, Michigan.

Submitted by Amanda Wells

Frances "Frank" Field Altenburg and Adaline "Addie" Rohrbaugh

Frances "Frank" Field Altenburg was born 18 August 1854 in DeKalb County. He was the youngest of the children of Daniel A. and Sarah (Latson) Altenburg. He would have been eight when his mother died. His siblings were: Daniel Wells Altenburg (b. 05 May 1834 Utica, Genesee County, New York); Mary Jane Altenburg Hanes Sewell Kepler (b. 06 February 1836 Chatauqua County, New York); Henry Esidore Altenburg (b. April 1838 Sandusky County, Ohio); Harriett "Hattie" Hanes (b. 15 May 1840 DeKalb County); David Cosper "Cos" Altenburg (b. 14 March 1842 Auburn, Indiana); Isaac Lancelot Altenburg (b. 06 June 1844 DeKalb County); Sylvia Almira Altenburg Bates (b. 14 March 1847 DeKalb County); William James Altenburg (b.18 April 1852 DeKalb County).

He married Adaline "Addie" Rohrbaugh 13 July 1882 DeKalb County. They had three children: Bessie Altenburg Powers; Howard E. Altenburg; Helen Altenburg Owings.

Frank had diabetes and died about 1923 at Syracuse, Kansas. He is buried in the Syracuse Cemetery.

Submitted by Amanda Wells

Harry Altenburg Hanes and
Susanna Wilmetta "Metta" Copeland

Harry Altenburg Hanes and Susan Wilmetta Copeland

Harry Altenburg "Alt" Hanes was born 09 June 1878 in Butler, Indiana. His parents were George "William" Hanes and Harriet "Hattie" Emeline Altenburg.

Alt married (1) Susan Wilmetta Copeland 05 February 1902 Edgerton Ohio. (2) Ida Centennial McCosh Ball 21 February 1940, daughter of Silas McCosh and Christina Long. She was born 11 December 1876 and died 19 April 1957.

Susan Wilmetta Copeland was born to William King Copeland and Mary McCafferty Culbertson on 30 April 1882 Butler.

Susan and Alt had six children: Mary Adelphia Hanes Williamson, Celestia "Sue" Alberta Dirrim, Bethel Burdine Hanes Buss , Wilmetta "Metta" Harriet Hanes Wells, Theron Harry, and Valena/Valera.

Mary Adelphia was born 08 January 1904, DeKalb County, Indiana. She married Joseph Williamson 22 October 1925 in Elkhart, Indiana. She died 21 December 1980 in Auburn. They had one daughter, Mary Lou "Peg" Williamson Crouch.

Celestia "Sue" Alberta was born 08 March 1909 Pawnee, Kansas. She married Harry Dirrim 05 October 1932 in Waterloo. Sue passed away 18 June 2003.

Bethel Burdine was born 15 January 1916 Waterloo. She married George Albert Buss 01 November 1936 Waterloo. They had six children they raised: Claude, Jr.; the son of Claude, Sr.; Susan Pearl Buss Davis; Robert Altenburg Buss; Kenneth Henry Buss; Albert George "Jake" Buss; DeWayne Jack Buss.

Wilmetta Harriet Hanes was born 02 April 1918, Waterloo. She married Harvey Wells 11 April 1951 in Auburn. They had two children: James A. Wells, Timothy J. Wells. They also raised a daughter by Harvey's first marriage, Roma Jean Wells Kapp.

Theron Harry Hanes was born 01 November 1921. He married Joy Laree Ernest 05 April 1942. They had four children: Karen Joy Hanes Coble; Wanda Sue Hanes Schneider; William Harry Hanes, Thomas Earl Hanes.

Valena/Valera Hanes was born 18 April 1925 DeKalb County. She died 18 April 1925.

Alt worked on his parent's farm two miles west of Butler with his brother, Carl for many years. Later, he was employed at the Eckhart Buggy Works, Auburn Automobile Company and was a carpenter for many years.

He had a wicked sense of humor and composed many poems including serious, humorous, and religious. He would write poems in honor of his children and special events. Alt made up a special poem about the different spellings of the Hanes name. He couldn't make it to a reunion one year, so about thirty different relatives sent postcards to him, spelling his name in many different ways. The Post Office thought it was hilarious.

Another poem he wrote was in honor of his birthday.

I have always blowed
About this and that
How I could do once what some one
Made a living at.
I've worked on a farm
And fed the hogs
Harnessed the horses
And hauled the logs.
I've worked in the factory
With its filth and grime
I've ditched and built houses
From time to time.
I've plastered, I've painted and
Some things not so fine
But this is the first I've tried
Just being 79.

Alt also wrote detailed diaries just like his father did before him. He would draw pictures in them as he enjoyed this pastime also. One picture was obviously of him, kneeling beside his bed in prayer. He was a Sunday School teacher at the Methodist Church in Waterloo, Indiana.

For five years, he and Susan lived in Pawnee Rock, Kansas. They moved back when his father-in-law died unexpectedly, to help care for his wife's sister and mother.

Susan was such a loving nurturing person and people enjoyed being around her. When she died of breast cancer, her husband, children and grandchildren were devastated. Alt was a good looking person, gentle, tall with a ready smile. He passed away from leukemia. Except for those five years in Kansas, they lived all their lives in DeKalb County.

Submitted by Roselyn Wells

The Henry Esidore and Sarah C. Altenburg Family
Left to Right: John D., Henry Esidore, Sarah C. (Bodine), Clara E., Eugene C., Harry Quinn.

Henry Esidore Altenburg and Sarah C. Bodine

Henry Esidore Altenburg was born 23 April 1838 in Sandusky County, Ohio. His parents were Daniel A. Altenburg and Sarah Latson. He came to DeKalb County as a baby when he was six months old. His siblings were: Daniel Wells (b. 05 May 1834 Utica, Genesee County, New York); Mary Jane (06 February 1836 Chatauqua County, New York); Harriett "Hattie" (b. 15 May 1840 DeKalb County); David Cosper "Cos" (b. 14 March 1842 Auburn, Indiana); Isaac Lancelot (b. 06 June 1844 DeKalb County); Sylvia Almira (b. 14 March 1847 DeKalb County); William James (b.18 April 1852 DeKalb County); Frances "Frank" Field (b. 18 August 1854 DeKalb County).

As a young man, he enlisted in Company G Nineteenth Regiment Indiana Volunteer Infantry. He took part in the battle of Bull Run. He re-enlisted in 1864 in the First Indiana Battery of Heavy Artillery. Henry married Sarah C. Bodine 27 January 1864. She was the daughter of John Bodine and Elizabeth Chamberlain

When he returned to Auburn he engaged in the carpenter business. He built a number of houses, some of which were still standing in 1914.

Henry and Sarah had four children: Harry Quinn, Clara E., Eugene Cotton, John Dudley.

Harry Quinn was born in 1866 and died in 1950. He married Mary Montgomery.

Clara E. was born 05 July 1869. She married John Zimmerman on 20 May 1891. Her husband was a pioneer Auburn buggy and automobile manufacturer and a civic and church leader in the community. Many poems, written by Mrs. Zimmerman under the name Elizabeth Ewing, appeared in the Evening Star. She died in 1959 at Warren, Indiana.

Eugene Cotton was born 10 January 1872 in Auburn, Indiana. He married Hattie Casebere. He died in Fort Wayne.

John Dudley was born about 1876. He married Carrie B. Brown. John Dudley died December 1961, probably in Findlay Ohio.

In 1876, Henry was appointed postal clerk on the B & O Railroad where he labored ten years. He left Auburn 22 August 1888 and moved to Kendall, Hamilton County, Kansas where he engaged in the feed business. Due to a long-continued drought he lost all his capital and he moved his family back to Auburn.

Henry had cancer on his lower lip and had many operations in Colorado and in Auburn and died 08 February 1889, shortly after his last operation. Sarah died 15 May 1926. They are both buried in the Evergreen Cemetery at Auburn, Indiana.

Submitted by Amanda Wells

The Isaac and Sarah Altenburg Family

Front l to r: Isaac Lanselot, Sarah E. "Sadie", Maud (Eicher) Back l to r: William "Frank", Warren Edward "Ed"

Isaac Lancelot Altenburg

Isaac Lancelot Altenburg was born 06 June 1844 DeKalb County. His parents were Daniel A. and Sarah A. Altenburg. He assisted in the work of clearing and cultivating a new farm, taking an active part in all the duties involved. His educational advantages were limited. In 1864 he enlisted in Company M. First Indiana Heavy Artillery, under Captain Samuel E. Armstrong, Col. Canby commanding the regiment. He saw service at New Orleans and at the taking of Mobile, and was honorably discharged at New Orleans, 24 October 1865, having served a year in the army. Following the discharge he returned home to DeKalb County, Indiana.

In February 1866, he was marred to Maud Eicher, daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth Eicher, natives of France and Switzerland, respectively. Mrs. Maud Altenburg was born in Fulton County, Ohio, 18 September 1848. She was the oldest in a family of nine. Her siblings were: Jacob Eicher, Eliza Eicher Pulfrey, Mary Eicher Neil, Frank Eicher, Nancy Eicher Brown, Ida Eicher Peters, Benjamin Eicher, and William Eicher. The family removed from Ohio when Maude was a small girl, and settled on a farm in Fulton Township, Michigan, where they lived three years. They then moved to Newark, Michigan, where they bought 80 acres of land.

In the spring of 1866, Isaac Altenburg came to Gratiot County, Michigan, buying 80 acres of land in section 17, Newark Township, Gratiot County, Michigan. Then he began the battle to win a home for himself.

Maud and Isaac had three children: Warren Edward "Ed" Altenburg, William "Frank" Altenburg, Sarah "Sadie" Altenburg Blackaller.

Warren Edward "Ed" was born 24 September 1868. He married Sadie Cresswell.

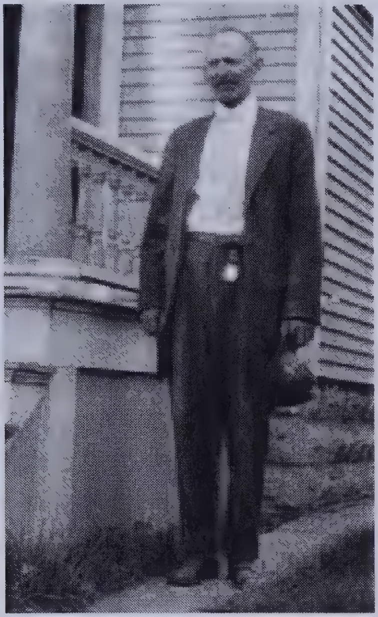
William "Frank" was born 14 February 1872. He married Nellie Barnes.

Sarah E. "Sadie" married Henry M. Blackaller. Henry was an actor at the theater located in Ithaca, Michigan.

Mr. and Mrs. Isaac L. Altenburg lived on their farm, in section 17, Newark, Michigan, 27 years; a period of time that familiarized them with the bright and the dark sides of pioneer life. Many others had more depressing experiences no doubt, but theirs were sufficient to entitle them to a respite, and they found it finally in the possession of as fine a farm as could be found in the county; productive to a satisfactory degree, and supplied with all the necessary buildings and other conveniences, together with implements and live stock deemed so necessary to the modern and up-to-date farmer. In May 1903, they moved to Ithaca, leaving their son Frank to conduct the farm. On 03 August 1903, the union of many years was broken up by the death of Mrs. Altenburg. For several years previous to leaving the farm, Mr. Altenburg was engaged in buying and shipping livestock in connection with his farming operations. After removing to Ithaca he devoted his time to the stock - buying business in connection with his son Edward. Mr. Altenburg was married, (second), to Mrs. Mary Dillon, of North Star, and after her death he was married, (third) to Mrs. Ida B. Jeffery his present wife, who was the widow of the late Alonzo Jeffery, and daughter of the late Edward N. DuBois."

On 12 January 1912, Mr. Altenburg had a stroke of apoplexy from which he never recovered. He died February 1914.

Submitted by Amanda Wells



William James Altenburg

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William James Altenburg was born 18 April 1852 in DeKalb County. He was the son of Daniel A. Altenburg and Sarah Latson. He was about nine when his mother died. All four of his older brothers were in the civil war when his mother died. His siblings consisted of: Daniel Wells, Mary Jane, Henry Esidore, Harriett, David "Cos" Cosper, Isaac Lancelot, Sylvia Almira, and Frances "Frank" Field.

He lived in Michigan most of his life and had moved there prior to 1876.

He married Emma Swift and had nine children: Quinn, George, Clarence, Sarah (Cottrell), Mary "Ella" (Musser), Hattie M. (Hamlin), Maude, Jesse, Virgil A (b. 29 June 1896 in Perinton, Michigan). He is buried in the North Star Cemetery, North Star Township, Gratiot County, Michigan. Emma died in 1915. William died in 1930 probably at Gratiot, Michigan. He had a stroke about three hours before his death.

In their son Jesse's obituary it said, Jesse Altenburg gave any youngster who wanted to play baseball the opportunity. As a former player in the professional ranks, a coach in the minor leagues and a manager of youth teams, Jesse never had the heart to say no. In 1971, the Lansing Bull Pen Club honored Jesse as its "Man of The Year" in baseball. He made the comment, "All I've tried to do is give every little fellow a chance to play baseball." Why should I be honored for doing that?" Jesse played two years with the Pittsburg Pirates, managed one of their farm teams and later was a scout in the organization. He also had affiliations with the St. Louis Cardinals. A 1922 graduate of the University of Michigan, Jesse started his baseball career in the Elsie and Belding areas. He played in the State League in Ludington, and then was sold to the Pirates, playing in 1916 and 1917. After leaving the pro ranks, Jesse came to Lansing and managed the Lansing Senators. One of his closest friends, Sherm (Red) Hicks, talked with Jesse last week and they were making plans to visit friends and talk baseball in Mt. Pleasant. Jess liked the Mt. Pleasant area," said Red and he wanted me to go with him to some of the high school basketball tournaments. He had a lot of friends up there. He asked me about a couple of baseball players at Central Michigan University, and if they'd signed with the pros yet. He always kept up on things." Jesse would have as many as 150 boys practicing and attending clinics until they told him he couldn't use Reason Park anymore," Hicks said. So, he gathered the boys at this house and taught them fundamentals." Jess was a lifetime member of the Central Michigan Old Timers Baseball Association.

Virgil, their younger son graduated from Belding High School. He worked as a purchasing agent for the Duplex Truck Company of Lansing. Leaving this position in 1921, he enrolled at Western Michigan Normal School. Virgil received his AB degree from Western and his MA degree from the University of Michigan.

He served as superintendent of schools in Lawrence and Coopersville and as a science teacher and band director of Gobles Public Schools. He was a member of Phi Delta Kappa, NEA, NRTA, Local Kalamazoo County Association of Retired Teachers, MRTA, MEA, a life member of Otsego Masonic Lodge 78 F & AM, life member of Otsego Bradley Chapter 169 OES, and member of Veterans of World War I Barracks 3423.

In World War I, he served as a corporal in Headquarters Company U.S. Engineers, Narrow Gauge Railroad Division. Virgil was also a member of the Museum Board of John Gray Memorial Museum of Alamo Township and helped organize the museum. On 21 June 1924 he was united in marriages with Rachel E. Piper. Virgil was residing at Kalamazoo, Michigan, when he died in 1972.

Submitted by Amanda Wells

Wilder and Maud Mains

Grandchildren of Christian Amstead, Children of Leah Amstead and Vincent Mains, a lawyer in Noble County

Christian Amstead

Christian was born about 1801 in Switzerland.

He is a farmer living in West Earl Township in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, in 1860. He is living with his children, John (age 24), Barbara (age 21), Mary (age 20) and Leah (age 11). Their last name is spelled Amstutz.

In 1870, he is living with his daughter, Mary, second wife of Jacob Ackerman in Wayne Township, Noble County, Indiana. He is 70 years old, his occupation is listed as cooper, and his last name is spelled Olmstead.

In 1877 he had a will in DeKalb County dated 07 January 1877. It says, "Item first, I give and devise to my two daughters Mary Amstead, (now Mary Ackerman) and Leah Amstead, (Now Leah -- Morris) the following described real estate situate in the Town of Waterloo, Dekalb County, Indiana, To-wit: Commencing twenty-six (26) rods, Three & a half feet west from the east section line of said quarter section, on the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern Railway, Thence West Five (5 Rods), Thence North Sixteen (16) Rods, Thence Five (5) Rods, Thence South Sixteen (16) Rods to the place of beginning, being the same land upon which the Rev. Grist now resides, and it is my request that my two daughters above named shall pay all of my just debts, that I may owe at the time of my death, and pay all my funeral expenses, and it is my request that after my two daughters aforesaid shall sell the aforesaid described land, and after deduction from the proceeds of the sale of the same, all of my just debts and funeral expenses they shall give one-third of whatever remains to my daughter Barbara Spindler (formerly Barbara Amstead) to be paid in equal yearly payments with interest. I do hereby revoke all former wills by me made. In testimony hereof I have hereunto set my hand and sea, this 7th day of January in the year 1877. Signed and acknowledged by said Christian Amstead as his last will and testament, in our presence; and signed by us in his presence. W. M. Cushing J. A. Cushing"

His children were John, Mary, Barbara, and Leah.

John was born about 1836. There was a John D. Amstead in the civil war collecting a pension in 1890, his mailing address was Waterloo, Indiana. A John Amstead and Sarah Fisher was married in 1877 in DeKalb County and Sarah is buried near Waterloo. He was mentioned on land transfer records, along with his father Christian.

Barbara Amstead was born about 1839 in Pennsylvania. She married Nichodemus Spindler and died at her home in Fairfield Township 22 June 1901.

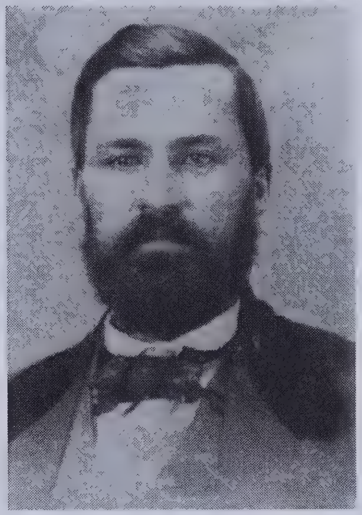
Mary Amstead was born about 1841. She married Jacob Ackerman before April 1867. She died in 1920 probably near Kendallville, Indiana.

Leah was born 1849 at Lancaster, Pennsylvania. She married the widower, Vincent C. Mains in 10 October 1873 at Albion, Noble County, Indiana. They had two children: Wilder D. Mains, born about 1875 and Maud M. Mains, born about 1878. She later married a Neidig/Nidic/Nideg.

Christian died 14 November 1878 in Noble County at the home of his son-in-law, Vincent C. Mains, a lawyer in Kendallville, Indiana. His last name is listed in the paper as Amstutz.

This is all the information that we were able to find on Christian. We knew him as C. Amstead with a possible wife named Elizabeth Dellet. He is buried in the Kammerer Cemetery which was about 100 yards away from the residence of Jackie Rowe, a great grandson. This relationship and burial was not known to Jackie until he was about 79 years old.

Submitted by Roselyn Wells



Moses Ashelman

Moses Ashelman Family

Moses Ashelman was born 10 August 1834 in Wayne County, Ohio. His parents were John Ulrich and Maria Everhart Ashleman. Siblings included: a sister that died at sea on the trip to America, Elizabeth, Barbara, Mary, Regina, Anna, William, Christopher, and Rosa. Moses died 15 August 1888.

Moses married his first wife, Mary "Molly" Brandon born 23 December 1847 and died 25 May 1885. His second marriage was to Mary Ann (Davis) (Simpkins) on 28 November 1886. Mary Ann was born 25 June 1843 and died 04 November 1943. She was married to a Mr. Simpkins before marrying Moses. After Moses died, she married Sylvester Hale.

He had four children by his first wife: George Dale, Rollie Allen, Catherine Blanch and Glenwood.

George Dale was born 11 August 1866 in Auburn, Indiana and died 26 November 1920 at Fayette, Ohio. He married Etta Morey on 04 March 1886.

Rollie Allen was born 08 March 1870 at Newville, Indiana and died 03 September 1898. He never married.

Catherine Blanch was born 22 April 1872 and died 16 April 1901. She married Franklin (Benjamin Franklin) Griest on 01 January 1895 at St. Joe, Indiana.

Glenwood was born 04 July 1878 at Newville, Indiana. He married Coral Corbin but was divorced. He never remarried.

Moses had one child, Opal, by his second wife, Mary Ann. Opal Ashelman was born 09 July 1888. She married Ray Wagers.

Moses moved to Newville when a young man and lived there until his death. He owned farm property near Auburn. He was a prosperous and successful farmer.

Submitted by Terry Franzman

Christopher Ashleman and Jennie Slayman

Christopher Ashleman was born 19 August 1845 in Auburn, Indiana. His parents were John Ulrich and Maria Everhart Ashleman. Siblings included: a sister that died at sea on the trip to America, Elizabeth, Moses, Barbara, Mary, Regina, Anna, William, and Rosa.

Christopher married Jennie Slayman on 14 September 1873. She was born on 11 April 1854. In 1890 they moved to Toledo, Ohio. She died on 17 August 1897 due to injuries involving her bicycle and a runaway horse. Christopher then returned to Auburn with his family

While living in Toledo, Christopher engaged in the Landscape Gardening business. He was an expert at tree grafting and his work and advice along this line was much in demand. He had grown up helping his father farm and became experienced in the business of farming.

In 1902 Christopher made a trip to Switzerland, the native country of the family. He tried to establish contact with the Ashleman family while there but was not successful. He and his daughter, Pearl, traveled extensively in the South and in California. Christopher was a well respected citizen and "his word was as good as his bond."

Two children were born to Christopher and Jennie: Clyde was born 28 May 1879 and died 05 October 1889. Pearl May was born 02 August 1888. Pearl married Angus Cameron McCoy on 24, February 1913. Angus was born 11 June 1886 in Allen County, Indiana and died 25 April 1960.

Submitted by Terry Franzman

John Ulrich Ashleman and Maria "Mary" Ebberhart "Everhart"

John Ulrich Ashleman was born 1791 in Switzerland. He and his family immigrated to America in 1832 and settled in Indiana in the year 1843.

John Ulrich Ashleman married Maria Ebberhart in Switzerland. John was in the dairy business there.

Maria Ebberhart was born 20 June 1810 probably near Basle in Switzerland.

Maria's name was Maria and proof of this was from a paper still existing in 1950 that she signed. Her name was Americanized to Mary, no doubt by her friends. Her maiden name was also Americanized from Ebberhart to Everhart. Moses spelled his name Ashelman but the other children used the spelling Ashleman.

They had ten children: a daughter that died, Elizabeth Moses, Barbara Ellen, Mary, Regina, Anna, William, Christopher, and Rosa.

A story told by one of their children to her granddaughter says, "Our house was surrounded by a high fence so that the wolves, bears and snakes could not come close to our house. The fence was higher than my head, and there was enough room inside to gather all of the animals, mostly cows. My sisters and I had to go after the animals and drive them into the sheltered area at sunset. When it was my turn, I ran all the way, as I was very frightened of the snakes, wolves, and bears. I can't remember that I wore shoes, even in the winter. I particularly dreaded going out in the snow, as I was always so cold when I returned."

A descendant, Lona Krum, states "Just the clearing of the land and the obstacles to be overcome at first, would have defeated most of us now. There are few who have the pioneering spirit in this pushbutton age (said in the 1950s). John and his family labored long hours in the hot summer days, as well as in the spring and in the fall. He was a determined man with a single purpose, that of founding a home and a family, and he had chosen a good helpmate in Maria. Both were thrifty. They handed qualities of industry and the will to succeed, of which we, their descendants, can be proud. His crops were not insured against the ravages of nature and were not subsidized by a paternal government. He was a free man in a free land. He had a comparatively short life, but when he laid down his burden, he could do so with a clear conscience.

Their home was built on a knoll, about a mile east of Auburn. It faced the south. Across the road the old barn stood and was still standing in 1950. The home was built about 1844. The original house was of two stories and contained four rooms downstairs. The entire upper story was one room. On the west side, a one-story addition was built. This contained two rooms and this part was moved across the road in 1868 to make a home for son William and wife when he married. The old house is gone. By February 1856, when John died, he had cleared the best part of nine hundred acres of land and had it in fine crops, producing bountifully.

Maria passed away on 03 October 1864.

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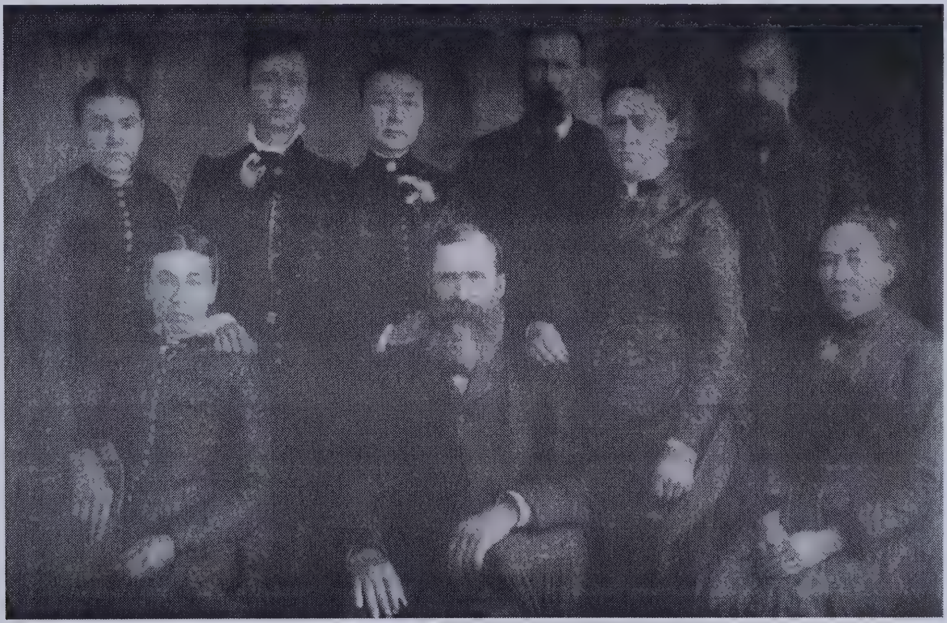

Taken About 1882. Remaining children of John and Maria Ashleman. Standing l to r: Anna, Regina, Mary, William, Barbara, Christopher Seated: Elizabeth, Moses, Rosa

William John Ashleman and Aurelia Chidsley

William John Ashleman was born 27 November 1843 in Ohio. His parents were John Ulrich and Maria Everhart Ashleman. His siblings included: a sister that died at sea on the trip to America, Elizabeth, Moses, Barbara, Mary, Regina, Anna, Christopher, and Rosa.

William married Aurelia Chidsley on 11 January 1868 in Jackson Township, DeKalb County.

Aurelia Chidsley was born 02 October 1846 and was a daughter of Lyman and Eliza (Summers) Chidsley who came to DeKalb County in 1844. Eliza's father was John Summers who was born 08 April 1795 and died 03 July 1873 and her mother was Elizabeth Summers who was born 11 November 1797 and died 17 July 1877. Lyman Chidsley held various public offices in the county, including those of Coroner, Constable and Justice of the Peace. He helped build the courthouse in 1868.

William and Aurelia had four children: Lyman, William John Sr., Frank, and Nellie Eliza.

Lyman was born 17 June 1869 and died July 1930. He married his first wife, Minnie Dorsey, in 1899 (1881-1903). He then married Elizabeth "Lizzie" Snell in 1908. Lizzie was born in 1882 and died in 1927.

William John Jr. was born 19 March 1872. He married Clara Edith Stafford who was born 23 May 1877.

Frank was born 28 August 1875 and died 03 November 1946. He married Gay Simons (b. 31 October 1879) on 11 December 1898.

Nellie Eliza was born 15 March 1893. She married Herbert Kimmell (b. 09 July 1883) on 19 August 1912.

Aurelia's son-in-law, Dr. Herbert Kimmel said that he knew Mother Ashleman for twenty years prior to her death. He was told that when she was in her youth, she was regarded as one of the most beautiful young women in DeKalb County. She was a fine looking woman of medium height, with dark brown eyes and dark curly hair. Aurelia enjoyed telling of her visit to the World's fair in Chicago in 1893. Dr. Kimmell said that she was welcome in his home as she provided unity to their home and was a refined woman by instinct. Aurelia died 18 December 1931.

William was a farmer all his life and inherited the property across the street from the old homestead. Family members, say he was a slender, erect, well-built man of perhaps five feet ten inches in height with clear blue eyes and dark hair. He was a quiet man and loved his home and worked to such an extent that it was almost impossible to induce him to make even brief visits to relatives and places beyond his immediate vicinity. He was slow to anger, but when he did get upset, his anger was terrific. William died 26 August 1912.

Submitted by Terry Franzman

Hazel Mae Henley and William "Grant" Baltz

Biography is on the next page

William "Grant" Baltz and Hazel Mae (Henly) Baltz

William Grant Baltz (Grant) was the only son of the five children of William Henry and Melissa (Engle) Baltz. He was born 16 June 1895 in St. Joe, Indiana. His mother died when he was two and he moved with his father to the farm homesteaded by his maternal grandparents, John and Cynthia "Knight" Engle. There he grew up with his father.

Grant walked to a one-roomed school known as Saylor's School north of St. Joe, where he received an education in reading, writing, and arithmetic. He completed the 8th grade then worked full time on his grandparent's farm.

In 1917 Grant enlisted in the army and served in World War I in the machine gun squad also known as the suicide squad. After the service he returned to St. Joe. On 16 July 1926 he married Hazel Mae (Henley) Monroe in Adrian, Michigan and became stepfather to her two children Frank (Andy) Monroe and Ila Monroe.

Hazel was born in Hicksville, Ohio on 17 July 1895 to William and Mary (Houser) Henly. She was employed by Sechler's Pickles and worked as a homemaker. The family made their home in St. Joe until after the death of Grant's father when they moved to the family farm. Grant continued to run the farm until his later years when he hired farmers to do the work. The last farmers to work for Grant were Francis, Marcia, and Gary Sible. Marcia was a descendent of John P. Engle, Francis and Marcia who owned the farm that adjoined Grant's farm and was part of the original John P. Engle farm.

Besides farming Grant worked on the highway maintenance crew and was a foreman at Universal Tool and Stamping Company in Butler, Indiana. He was a member of the American Legion Post 144 in St. Joe and after it closed became a member of Post 409 in Leo.

Hazel died 14 September 1981. In his later years Grant made his home at the Betz Nursing Home in Auburn, Indiana. He died there at age 95 on 07 April 1991.

Submitted by Glenda Shull

Oscar C. Bates and Sylvia Altenburg

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Oscar C. Bates, who departed this life, 25 January 1900, was born in a small place, on the little St. Joe, where his father, John A., had extensive mill interests. While quite young he was sent to an aunt in Milwaukee, to attend school. From there he went with her to Erie, Pennsylvania, where he was for some years in his uncle's wholesale establishment. About 1859, he returned to Butler, Indiana, where he learned and worked at the carpenter trade until the war of the Rebellion, when he was amongst the first to enlist; he enlisted as a private in

Company G, nineteenth Indiana infantry. The nineteenth was one of the famous Iron Brigade, which was in the first Army corps, Army of the Potomac. The brigade was organized August 1861, and was composed of the second Wisconsin, nineteenth Indiana, sixth Wisconsin, twenty-fourth Michigan and seventh Wisconsin. The commanders were Generals Rufus King, Sol Meredith, E. S. Bragg, John Gibbons, and L. Custer. He was promoted from time to time, when at the consolidation of the nineteenth and twentieth Indiana, he was commissioned captain, which commission he held when mustered out, although he was acting major when peace was declared. When his term of enlistment expired he reenlisted for term of the war. Few men went into the United States service stronger then he, and he was never in the hospital, except when wounded, which was after the Battle of the Wilderness. He was taken prisoner twice; once at Gettysburg, but escaped in a most daring manner, and found his way back to the union forces. He was in over forty engagements; the principal ones were Gainsburg, 2nd Bull Run, South Mountain, Fredericksburg, Antietam, Fitzbugh Crossing, Gettysburg, Chansiorville, Mine Run, Spotsylvania, Wilderness, Lural Hill, Cold Harbor, North Anna, Petersburg, Hatcher's Run, Weldon Railroad, Five Forks, and Appomattox. Here is an extract of a letter written to his mother, 05 September 1862. “Dear mother; as I have a little time to spare, I will write you a few lines to let your know where I am and what I have been doing. I have received two letters from you, which I have not answered; have not had time to write since we left Gettysburg, and could not send it had I written. I have now in my pocket, a letter I wrote you over a month ago. Since we left Fredricksburg, the nineteenth have seen hard times. We marched to Cedar Mountain, but did not get there in time to take a part in the battle. From there we marched back and crossed the Rappohanock, where we had an opportunity to show our courage. For ten days in succession, we fought the rebels; but the bloodiest of the fight, was near Gainsville, where our brigade held our own ground, alone, against, three rebel brigades. We fought one hour and in that short time, our brigade lost 800 men. The nineteenth Indiana came out with but 150 officers and men. Company G had only thirteen men left, and our flag was shot to pieces. I will send you a small piece of it, and I want you to keep it for me; you need not be ashamed of it for it has never been disgraced; not even this little fragment." Her reply, some time later; "My dear son, I should have liked to keep this little fragment of the old flag, my son helped so bravely to defend, but as you wish to have it, I will send it to you to hand down to your children." At the close of the war, with health much impaired, by the years of constant exposure, he returned to Butler, Indiana. In 1866, he, with his brother-in-laws, D. N. (Daniel Wells), I. L. (Isaac Lancelot) and Casper Altenburg, came to Newark, Michigan, and located farm homes, where he remained until his death. In politics, he was always a Republican. He was conscientious and upright in all his dealings; kind and ever ready to aid whosoever was sick or needy, without regard to creed or color. Many have cause to remember his kindness. In his neighborhood many came to him to settle their disputes and differences, and none questioned the justice of his decisions. He had filled all the offices of trust in his township.

Oscar married Sylvia Almira Altenburg 27 September 1865. Sylvia Almira Altenburg was born 14 March 1847 in DeKalb County. Her parents were Daniel A. Altenburg and Sarah Latson. Her siblings were: Daniel

Wells Altenburg, Mary Jane Atlenburg Hanes Sewell Kepler, Henry Esidore Altenburg, Harriett "Hattie" Altenburg Hanes, David Cosper "Cos" Altenburg, Isaac Lancelot Altenburg, William James Altenburg, and Frances "Frank" Field Altenburg

Oscar and Sylvia had seven children: unknown female child, Imogene Bates, John Willard Bates, Harriet "Hattie" Bates Litwiller, Hugh Kellogg Bates, Charles O. Bates, and Ida M. Bates. Oscar died 25 January 1900. Sylvia died 28 December 1909 in Newark, Michigan.

Submitted by Amanda Wells

George and Elizabeth Beaird.

George was born April 1791 and died September 1868. His age was 77 years, 7 months and 8 days.

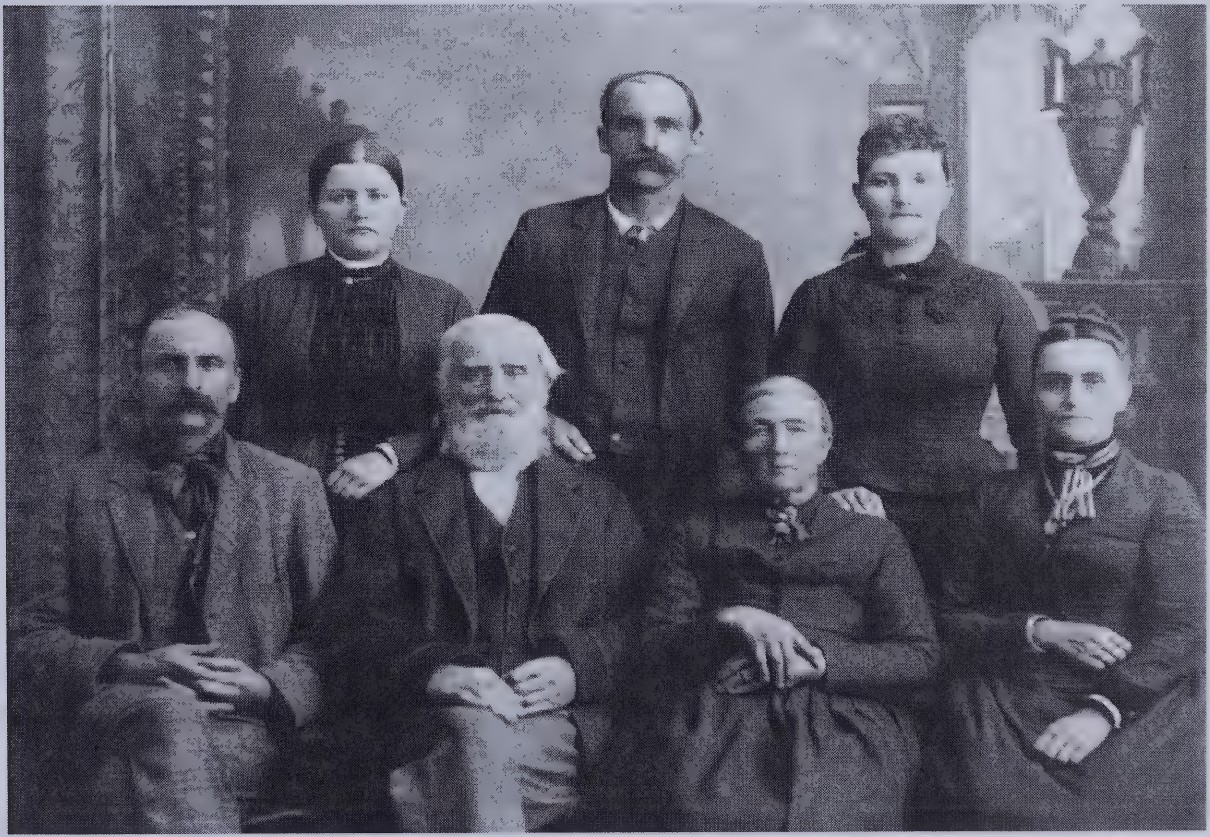
Elizabeth was born 1794 and died 08 March 1866 at the age of 72.

They lived in Franklin Township. They were living in Maryland in 1816 and around 1824 moved to Stark County, Ohio. He was in Franklin Township, DeKalb County in the 1860 census.

They had at least one son: George Beaird.

They are buried in the Hamilton Cemetery, Hamilton, Indiana.

Submitted by Susanna Johnson



George and Susanna Beaird Family

Back Row l to r: Henrietta, --, Marietta Beaird
Front Row l to r: ---, George, Susanna, Elizabeth Beaird

George Beaird and Susanna Snyder

George Beaird was born 05 November 1816. He was born in Maryland near Hagerstown. His parents were George and Elizabeth Beaird. At the age of eight, he came to Stark County, Ohio with his family.

He married Susanna Snyder 31 March 1844. She was the daughter of John and Elizabeth (Holtz) Snyder. Susanna had one brother, Henry, born 11 October 1820 and died 31 July 1901. She had two sisters, Mary born 22 June 1824 and died 16 October 1858, and Lydia born 04 July 1826 and died 09 August 1875.

George and Susanna had nine children: Frank, Nathaniel, John, Elizabeth, Manda, Marietta, Henrietta, Cyrus, and Jeremiah.

Frank lived three months. Nathaniel was born 06 August 1846. Nathaniel "San" was born in Stark County, Ohio. He came with his parents to the Auburn area when he was three years old. On 18 July 1875 he married Emma Wolf. John lived four months. Elizabeth was born 16 March 1850 in Indiana and married Charles Lockwood March 1871. Manda lived one month. Marietta (a twin to Henrietta) was born in Richland Township, DeKalb County 24 April 1854. Marietta married Salvin Nicholas 15 December 1872. Henrietta (a twin to Marietta) was born in Richland Township, DeKalb County 24 April 1854. Henrietta married William Casey 23 June 1879. She later married Thomas Jones. Cyrus was born in Richland Township 14 September 1859 and married Abigail Wolford and later married Ida J. Mosher. Jeremiah was born in Richland Township 31 August 1862. He married Carrie Clark. He married a second time to Ella.

They purchased 160 acres in Richland Township from Nathan Baker 19 February 1852. He was a carpenter and built a log house for his family to live in. He later built a seven room house, close to the log house. He used the log house as a carpenter shop. He also built coffins. The coffins were made of walnut lumber. The logs were hauled to Spencerville and then were sawed into lumber with a water powered sawmill. A stick the length of the deceased was brought to determine the size of the coffin for which he received seventy-five cents. Two of his daughters, Marietta and Henrietta polished the coffins with beeswax and a hot iron. They also lined the interior of the coffin.

Two school houses were located on the Beaird farm. One school is at the north east corner of what has become State Road 327 and County Road 40. This was called Putt's corner. A half mile east was the African School. George and Susanna's great grandson, William Nicholas went to school there. Later it was used as a home by William. The school on the corner was moved across the road to the southwest corner. There are still parts of the old school in the house that is there now in 2005.

George was a man held in high repute and his death on 25 February 1899, removed another of DeKalb County's early settlers. Susanna died 18 March 1895. They are buried in Christian Union Cemetery, northwest of Garrett.

The Beaird family is from the Isle of Skye, Scotland.

Submitted by Susanna Johnson

Luman Horn Beard and Jane W. Rummel Beard

Luman Horn Beard was born 03 January 1834 at Lewistown, New York and died 16 May 1906 in Ostego Township, Steuben County, Indiana. He married Jane W. Rummel 21 November 1858 in Steuben

County. Jane was born 21 November 1835 in Columbiana County, Ohio, a daughter of Henry and Elizabeth Perky Rummel and died 15 November 1915 in Ostego Township, Steuben County. Their home was near Edon Ohio. Luman was in the 68th Ohio Inf. being in the Battle of Fort Donalson, Tennessee, the only battle he was in. After that he was in poor health and may have been wounded. After the war, they moved to their farm near Hamilton. On this farm, they remained until their deaths, with the exception of about eighteen years living in the Village of Hamilton. Both are buried in the Hamilton Cemetery. Their children are: Talma Beard, Henry Beard, Charles L. Beard, Benjamin Franklin Beard, David A. Beard, Minnie Jane Beard,

Talma Beard was born in 1859 and died in 1864.

Henry Beard was born 23 May 1862 and died 15 July 1940 at Butler, Indiana. He married Ida May Noragon 24 February 1884 in Butler, the daughter of Elias and Mary Waggoner Noragon. Ida May was born September 1865 and died 14 June 1950. Both are buried in the Hamilton Cemetery.

Charles L. Beard was born 07 June 1864 and died 09 February 1884 in Ostego Township, Steuben County.

Benjamin Franklin Beard was born 17 August 1866 in Ostego Township, Steuben County, Indiana and died 23 January 1940 in Ostego Township, Steuben County, Indiana. He married Viola Nichols in DeKalb County. Viola was born 11 February 1866 in DeKalb County and was the daughter of Norman and Sarah Houlton Nichols. They are buried in the Eddy Cemetery in DeKalb County.

David A. Beard was born 13 November 1868 and died 04 June 1887 in Ostego Township, Steuben County, Indiana.

Minnie Jane Beard was born 15 March and died 08 November 1964. She married Cassus W. Hagerty 21 December 1892. Cassus was born in 1872 and died 17 September 1965. They are buried in the Hamilton Indiana Cemetery.

Submitted by Richard Newcomer

Elizabeth Ludwig Rudolph Benner

Elizabeth Ludwig was born in Germany 08 March 1824. She married a Mr. Rudolph in Germany. Probably a widow, Elizabeth Rudolph came to America from the German state of Hesse in 1866, accompanied by her son, John, 15, and daughters, Catherine, 13, and Anna Elizabeth, 8. Their ship, a sailing vessel named the Freihandel, sailed from Bremen and after a rough passage arrived in New York on 01 June 1866. It is assumed that these new immigrants were processed through Castle Garden, New York, which was the location of the official immigration processing center prior to 1892. The ship's passenger list indicates that the family intended to live in Indiana, though why they chose to settle there is unknown.

On 02 June 1870 Elizabeth Ludwig Rudolph and Christian Benner were married in Auburn by Rev. J. G. Kissell. Benner, who had also emigrated from Hesse in 1866, owned extensive property near Auburn Junction. The couple resided in a log cabin in Auburn Junction. Elizabeth Benner died at the home of her daughter, Anna Elizabeth Rudolph Morr, in Auburn Junction on 19 May 1902. Her funeral service was held at the German Reformed Church. She is buried in Woodlawn Cemetery in Auburn, Indiana beside John Rudolph.

See also Anna Elizabeth Rudolph Morr and John Rudolph.

Submitted by Carolyn E. Trammel

Clarence A. and Gloria J. Boger

Update to the Clarence A. Boger (11 December, 1936) family history volume 2, page 110 of the DeKalb County History Book.

Clarence was appointed interim Fire Chief for the Auburn Fire Department by Mayor Norman Rohm on 01 January 1992 and served until the laws of the state of Indiana could be changed to allow a permanent Fire Chief to be appointed from outside of the ranks of the Auburn Fire Department on 01 July 1992. Clarence retired from the Auburn Fire Department on 30 June 1993 with 26 years and 6 months of service. Clarence then accepted a position as maintenance director at Meadowhaven Nursing Home (now Laurels of DeKalb) in Butler Indiana for two years, then taking a position in the maintenance department at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn on 23 March 1995, where he still works.

Gloria J. Boger (28 August, 1939) retired from Cooper Standard Automotive in Auburn on 06 January 2003 after 40 years of service, working in the same metal prep/ paint room department the entire time. She now enjoys looking after two mini dachshund dogs "Janie and C. J. "

Jerry L Boger married Beth A. Ankenbruck on 28 May 1987. Jerry still works for Lee's Famous Recipe Restaurants in Fort Wayne. Beth is the secretary for the St Joseph Catholic Church in Garrett. They now reside at Holiday Lakes, south of Garrett. They are the parents of Zachary A. born 24 November 1990, he attends the Garrett High School; Kaitlin O. born 15 February 1994; and Samuel J. born 01 July 1997. They attend the St. Joseph Catholic School in Garrett.

Kim A Boger is now a lieutenant on The Auburn Fire Department at Station 1. He married Beth A. Gaff (born 23 December 1956) on 02 November 1990. They now reside on 427 north of Waterloo. Beth works for Northern Indiana Fuel and Light in Auburn. Kim's daughter Jamie Conrad is divorced and has one son Luke Conrad born 31 August 1997. They now live at Big Otter Lake near Fremont, Indiana. Beth has two daughters: Jessica and Ashley.

Jessica was born 19 August 1975, she is divorced and has two sons: Kahler Goldsmith born 01 October 1996; and Ethan Wilson born 04 October 1999. They reside in Auburn.

Ashley was born 16 March 1983. Ashley was married 16 July 2005 to Ryan Sunday, born 04 September 1979. They have a daughter, Abbigail Nicole born 08 June 2004 and they reside in Auburn.

Deborah J. (Boger) Leon, in addition to the previously published information, is currently the Director of The Good Samaritan Food Bank and The DeKalb County Christmas Bureau. Her husband Robert Leon is now employed at Cooper Standard Automotive in Auburn.

Terry L Boger passed away 08 August 2005. Prior to his death he had worked at Custom Lights in Garrett, Indiana. Terry was never married.

Tina Clair divorced David Clair May 1989. She continues to work in the dietary department at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn. She has one daughter, Tasha M. who was born 26 September 1986. Tasha graduated from DeKalb Central High School. She now attends International Business College in Fort Wayne studying to be a Medical Assistant. She works in the Activities Department at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Submitted by Clarence A. Boger

Fanny Ophelia Varner Boger and Clarren Lewis Boger

Clarren Lewis Boger

Clarren Lewis Boger was born 01 October 1907 at Auburn Junction to Clarence Allen Boger and Lydia Marie Rudolph Boger. He attended elementary schools in Auburn and Auburn High School. In his early teen years Clarren worked as a farm hand on the Jacob Varner farm, where he met his future wife, Fanny Varner. Observing her riding her horse around the farm, he told her father he was going to marry her some day.

Clarren Lewis Boger and Fanny Ophelia Varner were married on 08 July 1931 in Peru, Indiana.

Fanny Ophelia Varner was born on 08 July 1905 in DeKalb County to Jacob S. Varner and Metta Yarnell Varner. Fanny graduated from Auburn High School in 1924 and in 1928 from Indiana Central College in Indianapolis. Fanny was a DeKalb County 4-H leader and county chairman of the Home Bureau. She was active in the DeSoto School PTA and served as President. She was also active in the Garden Club and the Women's Society of Christian Service (now United Methodist Women).

Clarren's nicknames were Butch to some family members and Duck because of being bowlegged. Clarren was employed at the Auburn Rubber Corporation from May 1922 until it moved to Deming, New Mexico in 1960. At that time he was Vice President and Plant Superintendent. Clarren was Mayor of the City of Auburn from 1963 to 1967. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church and the Scottish Rite and Mizpah Shrine.

Clarren and Fanny had one child, a daughter, Kathleen Varnell Boger Wachel born on 23 November 1942 in Auburn, Indiana. She now resides in Iowa City, Iowa.

In about 1933 Clarren and Fanny had a house built at 926 East Seventh Street (now 1200 East Seventh Street). Rolland Muhn built the original house from a Sears Roebuck catalog plan. At that time there was a working farm to the south across Seventh Street, and there was a cow pastured in the lot directly east of their house.

Fanny enjoyed flowers and gardening and took pride in her home and gardens. The house was extensively remodeled by Dawson Quaintance in 1959. Beautifully landscaped with flowers surrounding a sunken lawn, it was a show place in east Auburn. The house won several awards and was beautifully decorated at Holiday time.

In their later years Clarren and Fanny spent the winters in Tucson, Arizona.

Fanny enjoyed good health until a brief illness at the age of 86. She died from complications following a heart attack and stroke on

Clarren continued to reside in his home at 1200 East Seventh Street until his death at 91 years of age on 11 August 1999. He died at home of complications from a broken hip. He is buried in Woodlawn Cemetery beside Fanny.

Submitted by Carolyn E. Trammel

Franklin Boger

Franklin Dale Boger was born on 02 February 1940 in Auburn, Indiana to Harold and Dorothy Mavis Boger. Nancy Ann Lung was born 10 May 1939 to Kenneth Lung and Leona Gerig Lung in Spencerville, Indiana. Frank's three sisters are Gloria Boger, Carolyn Trammel and Marlene Boger. His brothers were Clarence, Michael, Larry, and John Boger. Nancy's mother died in September 1948. Kenneth remarried in 1950 to Mildred Walter. Kenneth and his second wife had two children, Larry Lung and Peggy Lung Miller.

Frank and Nancy had five children: Scott Allen, Timothy Dale, Matthew Paul, Von Eric, and Amy Susan. All graduated from DeKalb High School.

Scott Allen was born on 03 October 1960. Scottie died on 12 October 1968 during anesthesia for repair of a fractured arm. Timothy Dale was born on 25 November 1965 and died 26 November 1965. Matthew Paul was born on 10 February 1967. Von Eric was born on 21 September 1968. Amy Susan was born on 11 November 1970.

Franklin loved the holidays and always had family get-togethers at his home on County Road 29. He wanted you to come for breakfast and stay all day. Frank and Nancy enjoyed traveling with his parents Harold and Dorothy Boger.

In 1988 Frank and Nancy were responsible for starting the Food Bank at the Indian Village Church of God which is still in operation and serves over 100 families a week. Frank had health problems of diabetes and peripheral vascular disease. He had both legs amputated but managed to continue to do his food bank duties and other hobbies. He did wood working projects with his brother Clarence. He also ran the sound system at the church.

Frank and Nancy managed the *DeKalb County Advertiser* and did deliveries.

Frank's mom and dad, Harold and Dorothy Boger helped with the deliveries. They had many good times and happy memories.

Franklin died suddenly at the age of 49 from complications of heart disease and diabetes. He died 31 October 1989 at DeKalb Memorial Hospital. That certainly left a hole in the family.

Von Eric married Lori Sue Andrews on 15 June 1991. They divorced in 1998. They had three children: Isaac Scott born 01 December 1991, Lyndsey Michelle born 06 April 1994, and Alyson Kate born 08 February 1998. Von lives with his mother Nancy.

Matthew married Rose Summers in January 2001. They have three children from a former marriage of Rose's and live in Auburn, Indiana.

Amy graduated from Purdue with Distinguished Honors with a Degree in Human Services. Amy has a beautiful singing voice and sang in high school and occasionally sings in church. She has health problems from diabetes and lives at home with her mother Nancy.

Nancy continues to live at their home on CR 29. She attends the Indian Village Church of God. She says she works harder now than she did when her three kids were small.

Franklin, Scottie and Timothy are buried in Roselawn Cemetery in Auburn. *For more info refer to Volume II DeKalb County History, pages 15 and 16. Some corrections have been made.*

Submitted by Carolyn E. Trammel

Gloria Jane Boger

Gloria retired from Indiana Bell Telephone in May 1978 after working for them for 30 years. She enjoyed her retirement and was able to move back to Auburn. It was important for her to be near her family. Her health deteriorated shortly after retirement. She had difficulty with mobility due to arthritis. One of the highlights of her life was a trip with her mother, Dorothy Boger, to Jamaica with the Telephone Pioneers of America. She had many happy memories of that trip.

Gloria had a cat named Scotchie. She enjoyed his company. Gloria spent most of her time watching TV and knitting or crocheting. She was able to continue to attend church at Indian Village Church of God.

She died at her home on 19 April 1998 from complications of diabetes and heart disease. Her sister Marlene cared for her at her home until her death. She is buried in Roselawn Cemetery *beside her parents.*

For further info refer to Volume II of DeKalb County History, pages I5-16.

Submitted by Carolyn E. Trammel

Harold Allen Boger

Harold was born on 12 May 1913 in Auburn Indiana. He was the son of Clarence Allen Boger and Lydia Marie Rudolph Boger. Dorothy Arlene Mavis was born on 29 February 1916 in Defiance County Ohio to Henry Dale Mavis and Elva Eunella Doty.

Harold married Dorothy Arlene Mavis on 16 March 1935 in Anderson, Indiana. They ate their evening meal at the Coney Island restaurant in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Their kids celebrated their anniversary with them at the same restaurant for years.

Harold retired from Cooper Industrial Products in May 1978. He had worked 30 years at the Auburn Rubber Corporation before it moved to Deming, New Mexico. He enjoyed his retirement. He loved to work circle word puzzles. Harold and Dorothy enjoyed watching TV, especially cooking shows. Dorothy followed the soap opera, *General Hospital*. Harold loved his cat, Patches. He also loved his kids and grandkids.

Harold and Dorothy enjoyed traveling with his son and daughter-in-law Frank and Nancy Boger. After Frank died in 1989, they didn't go as much. Dorothy did enjoy a trip to New England with her daughter, Carolyn. They also enjoyed trips to Colorado to visit their sons John and Michael when they lived there.

In their later years Harold and Dorothy spent most of their time watching television.

But they were always ready to go to lunch at McDonalds or Arbys restaurants. Dorothy loved working on her numerous collections. A few of the collections she had were small bottles, hammers, keys, padlocks, whistles, pens, pencils, pencil sharpeners, post cards, belt buckles, and safety pins. They were able to enjoy Harold's retirement for 17 years.

Harold died at the age of 82 on 08 September 1995 at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne, Indiana. He died following heart surgery. Dorothy was lost without Harold. She died at home seven months later at the age of 80 of kidney and heart disease. They were buried in Roselawn Cemetery. *For other information see Volume II of DeKalb History.*

Submitted by Carolyn E. Trammel

John Lynn Boger

John Boger and Eleanor Jean Rollins Boger lived in Colorado Springs for approximately six years. They relocated to Eureka Springs, Arkansas in 1990-1991. They lived there about three years. They had a shop in the downtown area and sold jewelry they made. Their daughter, Theresa, worked in the shop. John's mom and dad, Harold and Dorothy, and his sisters, Gloria and Carolyn, visited them while they were living there.

John took us to the *Passion Play* while we were there. Carolyn remembers their home was gorgeous and John had many clocks that all struck and chimed loudly at night. They had big kilns in an out-building where the jewelry was made.

In 1993 they moved to Broken Arrow, Oklahoma where John and Jean and also Bill and Regina attended Rhema Bible Training Center. They all graduated from the school. John worked for a church and also at Wal-Mart/Sam's Club. They were there until 1997.

In 1997 they moved to near Orlando, Florida, where they lived for two years. They then relocated to Grand Junction, Colorado. They loved the area of Colorado but the cost of living was too high.

They then relocated closer to home in about 2001, to Toledo, Ohio. John has worked at Sam's Club and was manager of the 1-Hour photo store. Jean traveled on weekends to shows to sell her art. Jean has continued to do art for the shows. Their daughter Regina has remained with them.

Regina Lynn Boger was born 06 September 1973 in DeKalb Memorial Hospital to John and Jean Boger. Regina attended elementary schools in Auburn, Indiana but graduated from Eureka Springs High School in Eureka Springs, Arkansas. She also graduated from Rhema Bible Training Center in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma. She has received an Associate Degree in Accounting and Bookkeeping. She worked at a restaurant in Toledo and did accounting and bookkeeping.

Regina has three children: Mark Alexander born in Carroll County, Arkansas on 07 March 1993; Rachel Anna Boger born in Brevard County, Florida on 20 December 1997; and Rebecca Lynn Boger born in Grand Junction, Colorado on 11 January 1999.

Regina now travels with her mother and sells art and jewelry at shows. *For further information refer to Volume II DeKalb County History, page 17.*

Submitted by Carolyn E. Trammel

Larry Don Boger

Larry Don Boger was born 14 July 1943 to Harold and Dorothy Boger in Auburn. After graduating from Auburn High School and serving in the Air Force, Larry married Linda Ann Vogtman. Linda was the daughter of Willis and Martha Croy Vogtman.

Larry and Linda had three children, Brenda and twins Beth and Brent. Brenda attended Auburn High School and is presently living in her own home on Cleveland Street.

Beth graduated from DeKalb High School on 10 June 2001. This was a difficult time because her mother, Linda had died on 08 June 2001 from injuries received in an auto accident, which was two days before graduation. Beth Ann had a standing ovation at the graduation ceremonies. Beth was active in softball and was pitcher of the team. Beth was on the first team in all conference in Northeast Hoosier Conference. She also was on the News Sentinel all area softball team for 2001. Larry and Linda went to all the ball games at home and also away games. The flagpole on the softball was dedicated in memory of Linda Boger in 2003. Beth worked at Wendy's through her high school years. She is presently employed as Assistant Manager at Wendy's. Beth lives in her own home on DeKalb Avenue in Auburn.

Brent attended Lakewood Park Christian Academy in rural DeKalb County. Brent is presently living at home with his father.

Larry worked for Dana for 33 years and is retired from Dana-Eaton. He has a Shitzu dog, Moe and four cats, Mama, Miss Kitty, Louie and Lucy.

Linda is buried Woodlawn Cemetery in Auburn. *For more information refer to page 16 Volume II of DeKalb County History.*

Submitted by Carolyn E. Trammel

Marlene Kay Boger

Marlene Boger continues to work at Messenger Division of Promotional Products in Auburn. She has been employed there for 26 years. Marlene enjoys her work. Marlene inherited the house built in 1900 by her Grandfather, Clarence Allen Boger at 1003 West Ensley Avenue. She inherited the house from her cousin Mary Ann Zulich when she died from cancer on 23 September 2002 because Mary Ann wanted to keep the house in the family. The house was remodeled in 2004. Marlene's daughter Cindy and her children live in the house at the present time. Marlene also inherited Mary Ann's cat Tabby.

Marlene enjoys travels and antiquing with her sister Carolyn. Marlene is presently residing in West Edge Mobile Home Park in a home she had purchased with her sister Gloria. *For further information, refer to Volume II of the DeKalb County History, page 17.*

Submitted by Carolyn E. Trammel

Michael and Carol Boger

Michael (and Carol) transferred to Worthington, Ohio (Columbus area) with Dana Corporation in December of 1987. He was president of the Worthington Lions Club in 1992/1993. Marsha remained in Auburn to finish her senior year at DeKalb High School. She graduated in 1988.

Michael worked in sales for Dana Corporation from 1987 to 1989 at the Dana Hilliard facility. He worked at the Navistar Springfield Truck Assembly Plant (for Dana Corporation) from 1989 to 1996, as a quality assurance manager.

Michael transferred back to the Auburn area with Dana Corporation in June of 1996. He was in sales with the Spicer Heavy Axle Division in Fort Wayne until early 1999, when he retired from Dana Corporation, after 37 years. He then worked for the Navistar International Truck Engineering Center in Fort Wayne as a Program Manager from early 1999 retiring in 2001 after completing the project for which he was hired.

Mike and Carol lived in Woodland Trail addition, south of Auburn, until moving to Ball Lake in Hamilton Indiana, in November 2004, where they now reside.

Michael has maintained membership in the Auburn Lions Club and continues to be active with local fund-raising projects and meetings. Michael has also been a member of the DeKalb Masonic Lodge 214 and the local York Rite Chapter, Council and Commandry since 2001.

Carol remains active with the ETA XI (Auburn Chapter) PSI IOTA XI Sorority.

Michael and Carol enjoy traveling and have been on several cruises. They also enjoy playing euchre and dominoes with friends at the lake. Most of all they enjoy being Nana and Papa to their two wonderful granddaughters.

For more information on Michael and Carol refer to Volume II, DeKalb County History, page 16.

Submitted by Carolyn E. Trammel

William Harold Boger

William Harold Boger was born on 30 July 1969 in DeKalb Memorial Hospital to John Lynn Boger and Eleanor Jean Rollins Boger of Auburn, Indiana. Bill attended elementary school in Auburn. He moved with his parents to Colorado Springs, Colorado in 1984. He graduated from Rampart High School in Colorado Springs. He also graduated from Rhema Bible Training Center in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma.

On 30 August 1997 he married Regina Gay Rybenski. Regina was born on 20 September 1966 in East Chicago, Illinois to John Clark Rybenski and Margaret Elizabeth Beard.

Bill and Regina are the parents of two children, a daughter Abigail Grace Boger born on 10 July 2001 in Tulsa, Oklahoma and a son Mitchell Allen Boger born on 07 August 2003 in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Bill works at Sebotek Hearing Systems. He works in audiology in tech support.
Regina works part time as a bookkeeper at a CPA firm.

Bill says most of his time is spent with his family because his family is most important He likes to work out with exercises. He also spends a lot of time studying the Bible. They live in their own home in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma.

For more info refer to *Volume II of DeKalb County History, page 17.*

Submitted by Carolyn E. Trammel

Albert Bolinger and Faye Aileen Nicholas

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Faye Aileen Nicholas, born 27 June 1914, was the daughter of William Milo and Amanda Estella (Friend) Nicholas. Paternal grandparents were Salvin Garrett and Marietta (Beaird) Nicholas. Paternal great-grandparents were: Garrett and Harriete Nicholas; George and Susanna (Snyder) Beaird. Maternal grandparents were: Norris Wilson and Susanna (Deter) Friend. Maternal great-grandparents were: George and Elizabeth (Bishop) Sanders Deter; Michael and Eliza (Miller) Friend. She had three sisters and one brother, Iona Ellen, Nellie Mae, Ruby Ruth and Forrest Ray.

Her first grade teacher was Jenny Lash. Esther Roop and Faye started the first grade together and continued through the eighth grade, at East Richland Schools. For many of these years she rode in a horse drawn school hack. She finished her schooling at Garrett High School graduating in 1932. Her first employment was a house-hold helper, receiving $1.00 to $3.50 per week during the depression. She started working at the garment factory in Garrett, and then went to Wayne Tayloring in Fort Wayne, Indiana, where she made army overcoats. From 1943-1953 she worked for General Electric, Taylor Street Plant in Ft. Wayne.

She married Albert Bolinger 21 September 1951, in Sixteen Zion Lutheran Church, by Reverend Trout. Albert was born 18 December 1912, the son of Marion and Edna (Sewell) Bolinger. He had two brothers and two sisters: Wayne, Oliver, Pauline and Phyllis.

They resided in Richland Township most of their married life. In 1959, they bought the Jay DeWitt farm. They worked the fields until 1983 when they decided to rent the fields out. He was employed at Dana Corporation in Auburn, retiring in 1974.

A son, Larry Allen was born 05 April 1955. He married Elaine Hodge, 23 August 1975. They are the parents of a son and a daughter: Ryan Allen, born 03 April 1976 and Shelly Marie, born 24 February 1979.

As a child, a special time was on Tuesdays, when the huckster, Herb Fee from Waterloo, Indiana, made his rounds to the homes to sell his goods. Many times, her cousin, Paul Schurr walked across the fields and through the woods to be there when the huckster came. He would give each child a stick of candy.

Albert passed away 09 January 1993 after having several heart attacks and a second by-pass surgery.

Faye died 04 December 2004 after several years suffering with Alzheimer's disease.

Submitted by Susanna Johnson

Dorothy Rough Keller Bonecutter and Maurice Charles Bonecutter

Maurice Bonecutter Family

Maurice Charles Bonecutter was born 07 June 1926. He was the son of Jesse Christopher and Mabel Christine Konst Bonecutter. His fraternal grandparents were John and Delia Bonecutter. His maternal grandparents were Frank and Anna Louise Konst. He had four sisters: Mareta, spouse Paul Mutzfeld, of Butler, Indiana; Lois, spouses Roy Campbell and Louis Bennett, of Battle Creek, Michigan; Jesta Jean, spouses Lincoln Fair and Luren Trethric, of Hudson, Florida; Annabelle, spouses Carmon Schott and Willis Bible, of Edgerton, Ohio. He had two brothers: Paul Bonecutter, spouse Amy Olmstead, of Brunson, Michigan; Clare Bonecutter, spouse, Joan Smith, of Butler, Indiana.

He grew up between Waterloo and Butler, Indiana. His elementary education was in Bonny Dell School in Franklin Township, DeKalb County, Indiana. He graduated from Butler High School in 1944. Following graduation he worked with his father and brother, Clare, farming 675 acres in DeKalb County for five years.

On 02 April 1947 Maurice married Rhea Blanchard. She was born in Auburn, Indiana, the daughter of Howard and Marian Blanchard of Butler, Indiana. Her siblings: Billy Blanchard, Michigan; Lewis Blanchard, spouse Pat Telpher, West Lafayette, Indiana; Helen, spouse Bob Foss, of Columbus, Ohio; Georgia, spouse Robert Fenders; Betty, spouse Jerry Quesenberry, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Maurice and Rhea had three children: Jess Bonecutter, spouse, Nancy of Auburn, Indiana; Diane, spouse Ronald Brewer, of Midland, Texas; Debra, spouse Kent Woodring, of Pueblo West, Colorado. They had seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Maurice loved farming and thought he would always be a farmer. In 1949, however, he felt called to prepare himself for full time Christian service. He graduated from Indiana Central College (now the University of Indianapolis) in 1955. Then following graduation, he went to seminary at Evangelical Theological Seminary, Naperville, Illinois. Following seminary graduation he served as pastor for ten years in the St. Joseph Conference of the Evangelical United Brethren Church in northern Indiana. In 1964, he was assigned by the General Board of Missions of the Evangelical United Brethren Church to McCurdy School in Espanola, New Mexico. There he served as teacher, pastor, dorm parent, bus driver, and had some maintenance duties. His wife, Rhea, served for twenty-three years as secretary to the mission's superintendent. She retired in 1989 due to illness and died 30 September 1993.

Maurice retired from the mission in 1990, but continued living in Espanola. He began working for the Espanola Public Schools as a relief bus driver.

In 1997 he married Gloria Romero of Velarde, New Mexico. This marriage ended in divorce in 2000.

On 16 April 2003, he married Dorothy E. Keller, widow of Rev. Armour J. Keller. She was born in Crawford County, Pennsylvania, 23 July 1922 to Homer and Maude Rough. Her elementary education was in a one-room country school at McDaniels Corners, Crawford County, Pennsylvania. She graduated from Cochranton, Pennsylvania, High School in 1940. She graduated from Houghton College, Houghton, New York, in 1948, and from Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana in 1964. She taught fifth grade for ten years and fourth grade for eleven years in northern Indiana.

Dorothy and Armour Keller had four daughters: Dianna, spouse Tom Gibson III, of Las Cruces, New Mexico; Angela, spouse Galen Hose, of Auburn, Indiana; Christina, spouse Roger Keirn, Dusseldorf, Germany; Veredith Keller of Virginia Beach, Virginia. All of their children lived in Newville, DeKalb County, Indiana from 1968-1973.

After his marriage to Dorothy, Maurice retired from the Espanola Public Schools and returned to DeKalb County, Indiana. He and Dorothy made their home at 1209 Ashwood Drive, Auburn, Indiana.

Maurice enjoys volunteering as driver for the Northeastern Mental Health Center, and also volunteers at NATMUS (National Auto Truck Museum of U.S.). He has a great interest in antique cars, trucks and tractors. He is active in the First United Methodist Church in Auburn and serves on the Mission's Committee. He also enjoys traveling.

Submitted by Maurice Bonecutter

Jesse James Boring and Gladys Lucile Marsh

Jesse James and Gladys Lucile Marsh Boring

Gladys "Lucile" Marsh was born in Auburn, Indiana to Martin and Eliza Treesh Marsh on 19 April 1898.

Lucile married Jesse James Boring, of Danville, Illinois on 12 June 1919 in Kendallville, Indiana. They had one daughter, Virginia Ruth Boring. Virginia married Gerald Sigler 19 February 1939.

Jesse and Lucile moved to Leesburg, Florida in 1954. Jesse died 23 September 1954 in Leesburg, Florida and is buried in Lakeview Cemetery, Kendallville, Indiana. Lucile died in Wildwood, Florida 15 April 1994 and is also buried in Lakeview Cemetery.

Lucile was a housewife, a member of the Revolution-Leesburg Chapter, Lake County Extension Service and was a church pianist.

Submitted by Sally Goodyear

Susan Marie Cumings Boss and Terry Allen Boss

Susan Marie Cumings Boss

Susan was born 27 November 1959 to Carol Ann Keller Cumings and Donald Raymond Cumings in Auburn, Indiana at Souder Hospital.

In 1965, she started school at Butler Elementary and stayed in Butler thru her junior year at Eastside High, majoring in Home Economics and Office Concepts. She volunteered in the school Library and joined the Bowling Club in high school. Susan started babysitting at age 11 for neighbors, friends, and previous babysitters who had their own families. She worked at Sechler's Pickle Factory one summer, and then worked at Butler Bowl & Restaurant as a server during her sophomore and junior years, where she bowled on nightly leagues and as a substitute. In 1977 Susan moved to DeKalb High School for her senior year and was in the half work/half school program, working at the Checker Gas Station in Auburn and then went to work for one year at Essex Corp. Susan majored in Accounting at DeKalb High School and graduated in 1978.

In 1979 Susan, moved to Grand Rapids, Michigan. She went to Grand Rapids Keypunch Academy for six weeks of schooling; and after her certification in 1979, went to work for the largest bank in Kent County, Michigan, Old Kent Bank's Data Entry Department, 3rd shift, for five years. Susan worked a 2nd job as a private secretary for Lincoln Life Insurance Independent Agent first shift during the time she worked at Old Kent Bank.

On 11 December1982, her son Tylor Alan was born. She returned to Old Kent Bank and worked until 1984.

In September 1984, Susan started Flying Fingers Enterprises Inc. in her home, a typing service for businesses and the general public in Grand Rapids, Michigan, where she employs up to five people working three shifts daily doing typing and legal and medical transcription services.

On 19 September 1987, she married Terry Allen Boss on a 30-foot Sailboat in Lake Macatawa, Holland, Michigan.

In 1990, Susan moved Flying Fingers Enterprises Inc. from their home to Standale, Michigan, adding copies and fax services. In 1991, she expanded Flying Fingers to Plainfield Avenue in Grand Rapids, Michigan, adding shipping and packing services. On 08 August 1994, Flying Fingers expanded to 5260 Northland Drive, Grand Rapids. More secretarial services were added including Western Union, money orders, mailbox rentals, custom packing, shipping UPS, FedEx, Airborne, and postal services, notary public, faxing, photocopying, word processing, design services, utility payment center, custom gift wrapping, laminating, retail supplies, package recycling center, and best of all operating as a small-town networking hub for all customers.

March 2004, Flying Fingers started an EBay® store selling services for customers. After 11 years at 5260 Northland Drive, due to their EBay® services growing, Flying Fingers moved to 5212 Northland Drive on 04 July 2005, a larger location. On 24 September 2005, Flying Fingers celebrated their 21st anniversary in business.

Terry, has been a Charter Boat Captain since 1998. He is also a Charter Bus Driver traveling worldwide, and is a substitute school bus driver for Forest Hills Public Schools.

Terry and Susan started Crescent Moon Charters in 1998, offering seasonal pleasure charters on Lake Michigan in Grand Haven, Michigan. They love operating their businesses, boating, camping, traveling, and spending time with their son, Tylor.

On 19 September 2005, Susan and Terry Boss celebrated 18 years of wedded bliss.

Submitted by Susan Cumings Boss

Tylor Alan Cumings Boss

Tylor Alan Cumings Boss was born 11 December 1982 to Susan Marie Cumings in Grand Rapids, Michigan at Osteopathic Hospital. In 1987, after his mother's marriage, Terry Allen Boss adopted Tylor.

Tylor started school in 1985 at the Kent County Head Start Program. In the fall of

Tylor Alan Boss

1988, he went to East Leonard Elementary in Grand Rapids, Michigan until the 5th grade. The family moved to Kenowa Hills Schools where he graduated in June 2001 with an honorable recognition of a 13-year Perfect Attendance. Tylor even survived Scoliosis surgery during the summer of his freshman year, and never missed a day of school or physical education upon fall attendance.

As a child and teen, Tylor loved swimming and took every swimming class offered through the Grand Rapids Parks Department and YMCA. He also loved mechanics. He would tear everything apart to figure out how to put it back together again (never succeeding at putting things back together!)

Tylor attended Kent Career and Technical Center during his Junior and Senior years in high school, majoring in auto tech. During his junior year of high school, he worked at Papa John's Pizza, Kentucky Fried Chicken, Wendy's, and during his senior year, he worked as an auto mechanic at a repair shop in Grand Rapids.

After graduation, to get to know his mother's roots, Tylor moved to Auburn, Indiana during the summer of 2001.

In the fall of 2001, he moved to Belleville, Michigan to attend Michigan Institute of Aeronautics to get his A & P License. He worked full-time while attending school. Then 9/11 (2001) happened and smashed his dreams of wanting to get his A & P license.

In 2003, he moved to Romulus, Michigan into the Barrington's Apartment complex and became a maintenance man. The company sent him to night school for classes to qualify for his building license. He is now certified to do all kinds of building construction, which includes HVAC, electrical, plumbing, ceramic tiling, drywall and finishing, flooring, etc. He now can put back together everything he takes apart!

In 2005, Tylor is learning and working for a building electronics and engineering company that does control engineering and system services. His job consists of CCTV and MATV, telephone communications, intercoms, card access, rolling gates and barrier gate arms, sound/paging, internet wired and wireless, satellites, entry systems, alarms, surveillance systems, etc.

Tylor loves working on autos for friends and neighbors, spending time with his dog, Chance, and his three chinchillas. He also has a salt-water fish collection. He enjoys spending time with a large collection of friends on the weekends, having bon-fires in his backyard, cook-outs and staying busy.

Submitted by Susan Marie Cumings Boss

Inez Eva (Park) Bowman

Inez Eva (Park) Bowman, born 08 November 1891, died 19 March 1968, was one of three children born to George W. and Sadie Elizabeth (Miller) Park. May Belle, married Harry Green and homesteaded in Logan County, Colorado, and John, a farmer, married Nora Morrison. A political activist with the Progressive Republicans, George Park was the Ashley Town Treasurer and contributed liberally to the erection of the new Methodist Church in Ashley.

George and Sadie Park

His uncle, Wesley Park, was even more public minded as he laid out the town of Auburn, platted the Fort Wayne-Coldwater Road, served as DeKalb County's first treasurer, first sheriff, first school commissioner and donated the land and was on the building committee for the first county jail. He was also on the building committee for the first courthouse with court having been held for several years in his own cabin where those on trial were put in the loft with the ladder removed so they couldn't get away.

Inez's paternal grandfather was William Park, died 1889, was born in Ohio, and was a hatter until age thirty-five when he bought sixty acres, mostly timber near Fort Wayne's Robinson Chapel. He cleared the land and farmed it until 1862, when he sold it, moved to sixty acres near Corunna, and opened a grocery store there, which he ran for ten years. Her paternal grandmother was Barbara (Warner) Park, died in 1898, who came from Maryland to Ohio, then to Allen County, Indiana. Inez's maternal grandparents were John D. Miller, born ca. 1830, died 1909, and Mary (Kanaga) Miller, born 3 October 1832, died 11 February 1900, of Hudson, Indiana. Inez's heritage can be traced back to England, as follows: Michael Kanaga, died 02 April 1866, and Elizabeth (Altman) Kanaga, died 03 August 1875, of Stark County, Ohio. Michael was one of, thirteen children: Christian Kanaga, born 1773, died ca. 1844, also known as Strausbury Christian after he later moved to Strausbury, Tuscarawas County, Ohio; and Kathryn/Katherine (Fornay) Kanaga, born 19 January 1774, died 15 September 1808; Christlie or Christian Kanaga, sailed to America as a small boy; and Y. Johans John Kanaga, an Englishman; and Catherine (Schwatka) Kanaga, born 23 September 1727, in Geneva, Switzerland, were driven from England during a religious war and persecution of the Protestants by the Catholics. They were in Germany long enough to become thoroughly German before sailing to America and settling in Bethel Township, Lebanon County, Pennsylvania along the Swatara Creek, three or four miles east of Jonestown. .

There were frequent family gatherings at all the different homes and each year they went to the Warner Reunion at Inez's paternal relatives, in Montpelier, Ohio, staying with Willis and Louise Warner (Edna is her namesake), on Saturday night and attending the reunion on Sunday. They would take food for the trip and stop at school houses to eat and use the outhouse.

Submitted by Carolyn Stahl

Inez Bowman and
Milferd Chaney Bowman

Milferd Chaney Bowman

Milferd Chaney Bowman was born 24 September 1892 and died 28 May 1964, in the brick house on the paternal farmstead located east of Corunna. Except for two years away at college, he spent his entire life farming this acreage. The farm where he was born was bordered on the northern edge by the New York Central Railroad.

He was the son of William, born 24 September 1857, died 18 January 1926, and Martha Ellen (Chaney) Bowman, born 25 July 1856, died 08 June 1936. He was one of seven children: Emery D., and a sister who died an infant; Ada, married Marion Shippy; Esta May married Reverend Albert Crise; Effie married Carl Reinhart, Hugh Hamman, Arthur Strubble; and Nettie Pearl, who died at the age of five. Milferd's father was a hard worker as he cleared and tilled his ninety-four acres for farming, built the brick house in 1887, and helped Milferd build a small frame house adjacent to the brick one in 1911, since Milferd had married Inez Eva Park, daughter of George Washington, born 16 December 1849, died July 1931, and Sarah Elizabeth (Miller) Park, born 05 March 1856, died 08 June 1936, on 22 March of that year.

Milferd's father was one of the first to buy and try new inventions, so when Corunna got a telephone service in 1909, he had one and the other was owned by Dr. Getty of Ashley. He had the first car in at least the northern half of the county. It was a two seated Auto Buggy, a horseless carriage, and Milferd was the first to learn to drive the new contraption and taught his father. In 1915, his second car, an Overland, was delivered. The salesman had William get in and start it, but neglected to tell him to stop. Before the salesman chased down the car to switch off the ignition, William had gone through the hog lot, knocking down the fence and frightening the pigs so badly they were trying to crawl up the side of the pen.

Milferd's paternal grandparents were Joseph Baumann-Bowman, born 30 January 1814, died 02 April 1880, who fathered twenty-one children, and Ida Brand (Tongue) Bowman, born 12 May 1829, died 13 July 1878. In 1839, they moved from Stark County, Ohio, to a log house on the southwest corner of what is now the crossroads of County Roads 19 and 40. Milferd's heritage goes back two more generations: Samuel Baumann-Bowman, born 11 February 1779, died 10 April 1856, and Magdalena (Klinger) Bowman, born 16 January 1790, who moved from Pennsylvania to Stark County, Ohio, in 1817, and lived the first year in a log cabin about one mile from the Public Square of Canton, Ohio; and Jacob Baumann-Bowman, born 01 February 1752, died 16 March 1829, arrived in America from southern Germany in 1772, and settled at Hebe, Northumberland County, Pennsylvania, where he married Susanna (Leffinger) Bowman.

Milferd's maternal grandparents were Nelson Chaney, son of Charles and Barbara Chaney, born 15 August 1827, died 21 April 1913, and Mary Ann (McCague) Chaney, born 06 July 1833, died 15 January 1884 of Richland Township.

Milferd and Inez Bowman had four children: Bertha May, born 29 December 1911, married Virgil Korff; Kenneth Ray, born 26 February 1914, married Clara Diederick, but died at age twenty-two, 25 January 1951, with Hodgkins Disease; Edna Louise, born 07 November 1915, married Clark Stahl and Marie Elizabeth, born 02 February 1917, married Wayne Penick, and later Oscar Elsworth Ohlwine. All are now deceased.

Milferd and Inez were very active in Maple Grove United Brethren in Christ Church where he was a trustee for many years. They were always attending church meetings, and when there would be four or five week revivals, Milferd would hitch up the team to the bobsled, put straw and blankets into the wagon box, and pick up all the neighbors along the way to church. This would be done every night of the services and, the church would be packed full of people.

On Sunday afternoons and during the evenings, Inez would play the old pump organ and the whole family played dominoes around the big kitchen table. In the summer the entire family would go to Auburn each Thursday night for the band concerts where Milferd's cousin, Daisy Bowman, daughter of Steve Bowman, sang with the band. On Saturday nights they would take the cream and eggs to Corunna to do their trading and they watched the free shows at the park beside the railroad tracks. Every time a train would go by, you couldn't hear a thing and the film was blurry and jigged up and down, but the Bowman kids thought it was wonderful. When the circus came to Auburn there was never enough money for admissions, but they always went to see the free circus parade on the forenoon of the show. The circus grounds were just east of Cedar Creek on the north side of East Seventh Street and included the area upon which the Catholic Church now stands.

The Bowmans did most things as a family, but Milferd and Inez would go to the Indiana State Fair each August with Carl and Effie Reinhart, Milferd's sister and husband. They left the kids at home and would stay overnight in Indianapolis.

Edna remembers of the grandparents, the William Bowmans, telling about their experiences at the Pan-American Exposition in September 1901, at Buffalo, New York, where President McKinley had been assassinated in the Music Pavilion. They viewed the President's body as it lay in state in the Exposition before being shipped to Washington on the train.

Starting in 1946, when all the children were gone, the couple traveled to Colorado every year at hay fever time, as Milferd suffered from allergies, and also to see Inez's sister, May and family. They managed to go every year, but one until they died.

Milferd and Inez were truly devoted to one another in a bond of loving warmth and support and they wanted so badly to live long enough to celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary.

They celebrated fifty-three years of marriage with their Golden Wedding Anniversary festivities held in March 1961, at the home of their daughter and husband, Bertha and Virgil Korff.

Submitted by Carolyn Stahl

The Theodores

L to R: Theodore Jr., Theodore Sr., Theodore III, Theodore IV

Theodore Meril Bowser Family

Once upon a time there were four Theodore Meril Bowser's living or working in DeKalb County. The Theodore's were descendants of some of the earliest settlers of Allen County, the Bowsers and the Archers. Grandsons of Sylvanious Freelove Bowser, inventor and manufacturer of the self measuring gas and oil pump.

Theodore, Sr. was born on 03 May 1918 in St. Joe Indiana to Ivan Chester Bowser and Stella Archer. Theodore, Sr. farmed and ran what was known as the Holiday Lakes Farm Market on old US 27, ½ mile north of the Allen and DeKalb County Line.

As a son, I most often think of Theodore, Sr. for his compassion for people, having watched dad take in many people down on their luck, out of money, nowhere else to turn, Theodore was there with a little money, a little work, or a place to stay! Our farm was quite often a place where people would take a rest and then start all over again.

Standing on the left of the picture is Theodore Jr. born at St. Joe Hospital, Fort Wayne to Theodore Bowser, Sr. and Katherine Kingon 01 March 1949. Theodore Jr. attended Garrett Schools and then worked for County Line Cheese, Old Crown Brewery until closing and then worked as an industrial waste hauler for Waste Management and Superior Iron and Metals of Allen County.

Theodore, Jr. always chose to live in DeKalb County. In 1990 Theodore Jr. became involved as an activist and whistleblower in what was to become a 1997 landmark decision known as the "Bad Boy Statutes" decision following a good character investigation of Waste Management and the hazardous Waste Landfill of Allen County Indiana, Adam Center Landfill. Later

Theodore Bowser was found to be disabled. Theodore, Jr. has served as deacon for ten years at the Freedom to Worship Church of God in Altona, Indiana. Theodore, Jr. still remains in DeKalb County.

Holding a child on the right side of the picture is Theodore III, born to Theodore Bowser, Jr. and Merline Brumbaugh on 28 February 1970 at DeKalb Hospital, Auburn.

Theodore III attended school in Allen County, and worked for County Line Cheese until their closing and then worked for the Auburn Foundry until their closing, 11 May 1992 until 14 May 2005. Theodore III, while working at the Auburn Foundry became, Shop Steward, Vice President for four years and Union President one year until their closing. These times were sometimes hard on Theodore. The hardest time of all was to be 07 July 1999. Theodore IV would be lost to spinal meningitis.

The child in the picture is Theodore Bowser the IV born at Parkview Hospital 01 October 1990 to Theodore Bowser III and Angie Widdifield. Theodore the III and IV were always seen together hunting, fishing, and riding motorcycles. It didn't matter what they were doing, when you saw Theodore III, you saw Theodore the IV! T. J., as we all know him is buried in Harlan Cemetery in Harlan Indiana.

Submitted by Theodore Bowser, Jr.

John and Nancy (Merritt) Boyle

John Boyle was born near the western line of Pennsylvania on 13 June 1790. His parents were Jonathan and Elizabeth (Hunt) Boyle, natives of New Jersey. When John was a child, his parents moved their family to a residence near the Ohio River, in Brooke County, Virginia (later to be West Virginia). In 1806, when John was 16 years old, his parents moved to Knox County, Ohio. His father died shortly after the move.

In Knox County, Ohio, on 28 May 1812, John married Nancy Merritt, daughter of Moses Merritt and wife. Nancy was born about 28 May 1795 in Knox County. The Merritt family came from Washington County, Pennsylvania.

John was called to serve in guarding the frontier inhabitants during the War of 1812 after Hull's surrender in August 1812. He served in Green's Ohio Militia, later receiving a land patent and pension. He and his family lived in Knox County until 1821 when he purchased land in Marion County, Canaan Township, near the town of Denmark. While living in Marion County, John served as a Justice of the Peace for eight years; town clear for 14 years. He had an early mill for grinding corn. In 1847 John and Nancy moved to DeKalb County to be near other family members who were early county settlers.

John and Nancy's ten children, nine who have been identified: Mary Ann (b. about 1813, d. 1852) married David B. Knight, 1829; Jonathan (b. 1815, d. 1908) married (1) Elizabeth Oliver, 1836 (2) Susanna Rummel, 1850; Moses M. (b. about 1819, d. unknown) married Effena Smith; Elizabeth (b. about 1821, d. unknown) married William Rhodes, 1839; Hannah J. (b. about 1825, d. 1898), married David Christy, 1842; Sarah (b. about 1827, d. 1897) married about 1842, Daniel Reasoner; Rhoda A. (b. about 1830, d. 1891) married Alfred Scott, 1851; John W. (b. 1831, d. after 1900) married Eleanor Lawhead, 1851; Ephriam J. (b. about 1833, d. after 1880), married Mary Ellen Johnson, 1857.

Nancy died 13 May 1864. John died 11 July 1883. Both are buried in Concord (Morr) Cemetery, Concord Township.

Submitted by Lina Zerkle

Ezra Brand and Alice Betz

Ezra Brand was born 27 December 1870 to George B. and Mary Jane (Hardman) Brand. He was the second of eleven siblings. Emma (1869), Ezra, and Barbara (1872) were born to Mary. On her death, George married Lydia Freed, who bore Bertha (1876), Cora (1878), Leona Blanche (1880), Clyde (1881), Gertrude (1883), Charles (1885), Orie (1887), and Claude (1889).

Ezra married Alice Betz on 09 November 1895 in Fairfield Township. Alice was born on February 1878 in DeKalb County. Alice was the fourth child of Washington and Mary Betz. Older siblings were: Anna (Kline), born in 1870; Gene, born in 1872; and Bertha born in 1877. Younger siblings were Ida (Kuckuc), born in 1880; Mary (Moore) born in 18?? ; George born in 1884; Blanche (Kuckuc), born 18??; John, born in 1889, and Clyde born 189?.

Ezra and Alice had six children: Ethyl (McKune) was born in 1896, Frank was born in 1898 and died as an infant, John was born in 1901, George was born in 1905, Howard was born in 1905, and Wilbur was born in 1915. Ezra farmed in Fairfield Township

George B. Brand, Ezra's father, was born in Baden, Germany, on 07 December 1845, to Christian and Elizabeth (Musselman) Brandt. The "t" was dropped from the last name at US Immigration. George B. was the youngest of eight children. His siblings were: Susan (Gebhardt) was born in 1827, Michael was born in 1829, Jacob was born in 1832, Elizabeth (Hipp) was born in 1838, Anna (Hess) was born in 1841, and Magdaline (Myers) was born in 1842). George moved from Ohio to Indiana in 1865 with his brother Jacob and Molly, Jacob's wife. George farmed in Fairfield Township for over fifty years.

Christian would not bear arms because he was Mennonite. Elizabeth Brandt, also was Mennonite. To avoid the warring factions in a divided Germany during the mid 1800's, they moved their family to America, Christian and Jacob arriving in New York City in August, 1846.

Christian and Jacob appear to have worked as indentured servants to pay for the trip for themselves and, a little later, the rest of the family.

They initially settled in Bloomville, Seneca County, Ohio. George B. would have been only a few years old when he came to America.

Washington Betz, Alice's father, was born on 23 May 1847 in Columbiana County, Ohio, to Henry and Catherine (Stull) Betz. Washington was the last of eleven children. His siblings were: Levi, born in 1825; Maria (Jennings), born in 1829; William, born in 1831; John, born in 1827; George, born in 1832; Margaret, born in 1834; Henry, born in 1835, Jefferson, born in 1838, Elizabeth, born in 1844, and Alvin, born in 1846.

He moved to DeKalb County, Indiana sometime before 11 May 1869, when he married Mary Musser, daughter of John and Mary (Harger) Musser.

Henry Betz, Washington's father, was born in 1799 in Bedford, Pennsylvania to Christian and Christina Betz. He was the second of ten children. Christian Betz was born in 1773 in Franklin, Pennsylvania to Urban and Dorothy (Baker) Betz, the fifth of ten (or possibly eleven) children.

Urban Betz was born in 1748 in Alsace, France to Ludwig and Anna Marie Betz. He was the third of nine children.

Submitted by Bill Brand

John and Aileen Buss Brand Family 18 September 1955

L to R: Lowell Thomas "Tom" Brand, Janet Irene Brand Steury, John H. Brand, Aileen L. Buss Brand, Jack John Howard Brand, Mary Alice Brand Dick, Maymie Brand Crill Scott, Max D., Jean Aileen Brand Bowman

John H. Brand

John H. Brand was born on a farm near Fairfield Center, 30 April 1901.

John was the third of six children born to Ezra and Alice (Betz) Brand. He had an older sister, Ethel Brand McKune and brothers, Frank (died as an infant), George, Howard and Wilbur.

John's paternal grandparents, George and Mary (Hardman) Brand were early settlers in DeKalb Country, settling near Fairfield Center in the 1870's. His maternal grandparents were Washington and Mary Betz of near Ashley.

John married Aileen Buss, an elementary school teacher, on 18 September 1924. Aileen, born on 06 June 1899, was the youngest of five children (Alice, Ida, Alva, Inez, and Aileen) born to John and Mary (Bickel) Buss. Mary was a seamstress from Holmes County, Ohio. She came to DeKalb County to visit relatives and while here she met and later married John Buss, a farmer living south of Hudson, Indiana.

John and Aileen began their married life on the Buss farm, where Aileen had grown up. In 1930 they built a new house on their farm on County Road 19 southwest of Ashley. Presently, Floyd and Mary Troyer live in this house.

John attended elementary school in Corunna, graduating from Ashley High School in 1919. After graduation he boarded a train to Montana to teach in a one room school. Experiencing and believing 50 degrees below zero was too cold for him, he returned to Indiana the following year. He then attended Tri-State College and received his Indiana teaching certificate. He taught in several one and two room rural DeKalb County schools until 1930, when he purchased more farmland. He was an aggressive and prominent farmer in the community, accumulating 430 acres of land, which at the time was considered a large amount.

John and Aileen joined the Pleasant Chapel Church of the Brethren near their home. Eventually, all seven of their children joined the church, and all the girls were married at Pleasant Chapel.

The children in order of birth are: Mary Alice Dick (1926) who lives in Fort Wayne; Jack (1927) who resides south of Auburn; Marjorie Crill Scott (1929) who lives in Fort Wayne; Max (1931) who resides in New Haven, Indiana; Lowell Thomas "Tom" (1934) deceased in 1967; Jean Bowman (1935) who lives on a farm near Waterloo; and Janet Steury (1937) who presently lives near Noblesville, Indiana.

The family was reared and educated at the Shipe and Fairfield elementary schools and then all graduated from Ashley High School, as did their parents. Four of the seven children earned bachelor degrees from Manchester College while the others furthered their education elsewhere. They all learned the importance of a good days work, a lesson from their parents.

After World War II in 1946, John went to Greece with a group sponsored by the Brethren Service Center of New Windsor, Maryland, on a relief mission that came to be known as the Heifer Project. His diary reveals a rough trip and a homesick man. However, this trip proved his love for travel and after the family was grown, and on their own, he retired, selling the farm to Ivan Buckmaster and Floyd Troyer. He and Aileen spent much time traveling. They traveled to all fifty states and one hundred different countries.

In 1949, the Brands built their second new home on Aileen's birth farm. Since John was still a farmer at heart, he planted, hoed, and harvested a huge garden, having plenty of produce to give family and friends.

The couple lived to see twenty-four grandchildren and celebrated 53 years of marriage. On 10 March 1977, Aileen passed away suddenly. Three years later John had a heart valve replaced and after six weeks in the hospital, he died of complications at the age of 79.

Both John and Aileen are buried in the Fairfield cemetery along with their parents, grandparents, and many relatives, including five generations of the immediate Brand family.

Submitted by Jean Bowman

Wilbur Wayne Brand and Mildred Lucile Buss

Wilbur Wayne Brand was born on 07 April 1915 to Ezra and Alice (Betz) Brand on a farm near Fairfield Center. He was the sixth of six siblings born to Ezra and Alice. His older siblings were Ethyl, Frank, John, George, and Howard. Ezra was descended from George and Mary (Hartman) Brand. Alice was descended from Washington and Mary (Musser) Betz.

Wilbur married Mildred Lucile Buss on 01 July 1939. Mildred was born to Ancil and Lucile (Libey) Buss on 16 June 1921, in Fort Wayne, Indiana. She was the first of four siblings. Her siblings were Catherine, Ruth, and Charles. Ancil was descended from Oscar and Olive (Rutan) Buss. Lucile was descended from Charles and Catherine (Clink) Libey.

Wilbur and Mildred raised seven children on a farm on County Road 23, about a half-mile south of where the current Country Meadows Elementary school now stands. The children, in order of birth, are: Jerry (b. 20 September 1941), Joe (10 February 1943), Bill (09 March 1944), Violet Whittington, (b. 14 November 1945), Orlie (24 July 1951), Neal (04 October 1952), and Cathy Beere, (b. 08 March 1961).

Wilbur attended college at Huntington and Manchester colleges, graduating with a two-year certificate, with the intention of teaching school. Although he never taught, he did return to take additional classes at Saint Francis College in the sixties (sharing some classes with daughter Vi), before the new Country Kitchen business kept him too busy. He did teach Sunday school often at the Hudson United Brethren church, although he never joined the church, saying that he was a member of the larger Church.

For many years, Wilbur farmed where his father had farmed in Fairfield Township. Most of his children were raised there. Mildred and Wilbur started the Country Kitchen restaurant on Indiana route 327, three miles north of Corunna. The restaurant did not do well, but a wedding cake business started on the side, did very well, and eventually led to wedding catering and then to a retail store selling cake decorating and baking, and candy making supplies which eventually moved to Fort Wayne, Indiana. This all grew out of Mildred's childhood interests in decorating cakes and making candy. Wilbur and Mildred soon moved to Fort Wayne and lived above the store. The business eventually grew into four independent businesses run by four of their children: CK Products (Orlie) and CK South (Joe), both wholesale supplies; Country Kitchen SweetArt (Vi), retail supplies; and DeBrand (Cathy) gourmet chocolate shops.

Wilbur was always creative in finding better ways to get a job done. It showed in many innovative techniques on the farm as well as in business, from major building projects to numerous small innovations. He was universally liked and trusted, and he seemed to like and think the best of everyone he met. He trusted people, and needed only their word to do business. When someone would get into trouble, his usual comment was: "He meant well." Wilbur always loved puzzles, games, and jokes.

Wilbur died on 02 November 1985 from multiple myeloma, and is buried in Fairfield cemetery, about one half mile from where he was born.

Submitted by Bill Brand

Augustus Barber Bridgewater and Carrie Faye Bushway

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Augustus Barber Bridgwater was born on a farm in Shelby County, Illinois, 22 December 1900. He was the son of Albert C. and Helen Elizabeth (Barber) Bridgwater. Albert was born in Scott County, Indiana, 17 July 1870 and Helen (known as Nellie) was born in Dalton City, Illinois, 01 September 1873. Gus's paternal grandparents were Levi Jackson and Sarah Elizabeth (Noakes) Bridgwater. His maternal grandparents were Charles Wilson and Hannah (Cole) Barber.

Carrie Faye Bushway was born in Lovington, Moultrie County, Illinois, 02 January 1901. She was the daughter of Frank Herbert and Nancy Alice (Nighswander) Bushway. Frank was born in Hillsboro, Montgomery County, Illinois, 09 December 1861 and Alice, was born in Atwood, Piatt County, Illinois, 22 June 1864. Faye's paternal grandparents were Franklin C. and Sarah Adelaid (Miller) Bushway. Her maternal grandparents were John and Sarah Jane (Fay) Nighswander.

Gus was raised on a farm outside of Moweaqua, Shelby County, Illinois. He attended a one room school house, called Maple Grove. Faye was raised in the city of Decatur, Macon County, Illinois.

Gus and Faye were married at her home in Decatur, Illinois 18 October 1923. They had two daughters while living in Decatur. Alice Elizabeth was born 18 February 1925 and Ruth Ellen was born 05 July 1937. Gus was a signal maintainer for the Wabash Railroad and liked watching baseball and reading the newspaper from cover to cover. Faye wrote a book, "America in the Last Days" and enjoyed singing, baking, crocheting, and writing poems.

Gus and Faye moved to Butler, DeKalb County, Indiana in 1944. They attended the Butler Community Gospel Center Church. Gus retired from the Wabash Railroad in 1962 and was a janitor at the Butler Elementary School for two years. He died 26 May 1966 in the Wabash Hospital, Decatur, Illinois. Faye died 08 April 1985 at the Miller's Merry Manor, Garrett, Indiana. They are buried at the Graceland Cemetery, Decatur, Illinois.

Submitted by Julie Skelly

Jeanne Ellen Norris Brock

Jeanne Ellen (Norris) Brock

Jeanne Ellen (Norris) Brock was born 08 January 1950 at the Methodist Hospital in Fort Wayne, Indiana to Alice Evelyn (Knoll) and Kenneth Edward Norris. She had two older brothers: a half-brother Kenneth Reid born on 04 Oct 1930 in Los Angeles, California and James Edward born 25 Aug 1944 in Fort Wayne.

She loved cats, dogs, horses, and all the animals that lived on the small farm where she grew up. Her home was east of Spencerville, Indiana. on County Road 59. As a child, days were spent playing with dolls and a toy farm set. On rainy days, she would pass the time by placing a sheet over a table creating a makeshift tent. Living on a farm always included chores such as pulling weeds in the garden and flowerbeds, picking green beans, husking corn and tending to the livestock. Her mother always said, "This farm should be called weedy acres because of the big weeds that grow."

She was in girl scouts. In 4-H, she did sewing, baking, and raised Black Angus steers, sheep and pigs. She then showed the animals at the DeKalb County Free Fall Fair.

In the 5th grade, Mrs. Miller inspired a love of reading in Jeanne that lasted her entire life. While in the 6th grade, Nancy Drew mysteries were her favorite reads. She attended school at Spencerville for grades 1-6, St. Joe for grades 7 and 8 and graduated from Eastside High School in 1968. She played the clarinet during her Jr. High years.

In the summer of 1967 at age 17, she started her work career at Sechler's pickle factory. After graduation from high school, she worked at Universal Tool for ten years, and then took a part time job at Butler Carnegie Library. She was instrumental in expanding the Children's department from a small corner of the library to a much larger lower level room. She loved children and encouraged them to read in summer reading and after school programs. She was a den mother for the cub scouts, a girls scout leader, taught Sunday school and helped children with reading in the first grade. She attended IUPU at Fort Wayne then, started working at Waterloo Grant Twp Public Library in 1985. She attended the Auburn Missionary Alliance Church.

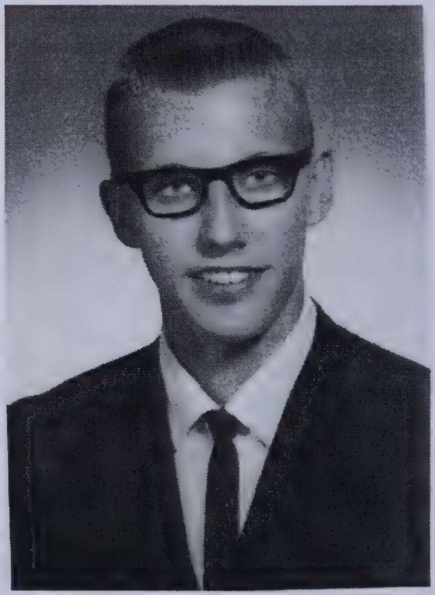
Jeanne was brought up in St. Peter Lutheran Church in Spencerville. That was the site of her marriage to Steven Franklin Brock on 07 December 1968. He was the oldest son of Calvin Franklin and Roselyn (Carroll) Brock.

They lived in Butler ten years before moving to Auburn in 1983.

They had two children: Bradley Keith who married Eileen (Spurrell) of Hollywood, California, they now live in Florida, and Kerry Jean who married Aaron Carmack of Chambersburg, Pennsylvania. Kerry and Aaron had three children: Kaleb Steven born 22 August 2002 and twins born 01 December 2004 Alex Brock and Nathan Leonard. Nathan died just 20 minutes after his birth.

Jeanne loved to play with her grandsons, read, hike, study the Bible, play bridge, and watch birds. She also enjoyed traveling across the country. Her goal was to visit all 50 states.

Submitted by Jeanne Brock



Steven Franklin Brock

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Steven Franklin Brock was born 30 Apr 1949 at the Elmhurst Hospital in Angola, Indiana to Roselyn (Carroll) and Calvin Franklin Brock His paternal grandparents were: Othol E. Brock born 01 November 1894, died 26 November 1972 and Delsie

(Skidmore) born 10 September 1895, died 23 November 1970. His maternal grandparents were Francis W. Carroll born 17 February 1899, died 17 June 1980 and Eula (Treesh) Carroll born 21 January 1903, died 07 February 1994.

He had three siblings: Dennis Lee born 26 Feb 1953, Sandra Jo born 23 November 1954, and Terry Lyn born 04 August 1956. He attended Butler Grade School and graduated from Eastside High School in 1967. He was active in boy scouts for many years and attained the level of life scout. He loved all sports. He played baseball and basketball as a child. He was on the high school football and golf teams. During a round of golf in 1972 at the Hidden Valley Golf course he shot a hole in one. Steve also enjoyed bowling; he participated in ABC tournaments held all over the country for 27 years. He also loved snowmobiles and target shooting.

Drafted in the Army in 1969, he served in Vietnam from April 1969 to November 1970. He belonged to the American Legion ever since serving in the Vietnam War. Steve worked at Bohn Aluminum in Butler for many years. He held progressive management positions including plant manager during his career.

He was married to Jeanne Norris on 07 December 1968. Her biography is elsewhere in this publication.

Steve had two children early in life; Bradley Keith born 21 July 1969 and Kerry Jean born 09 October 1972.

Steve was president of Greenhurst County Club when the building burnt down in 1995. He oversaw construction of a new building dedicated in 1996. Steve has traveled to Switzerland, East and West Germany, Srilanka, Thailand, India, France, Austria, Italy and almost all 50 states. He started running and hiking in 1998 and ran in several mini marathons. He had a passion for hiking in the mountains of North Carolina. His goal is to see all 50 states, run a full marathon, and to hike the entire Appalachian Trail.

Submitted by Jeanne Brock

Clarence E. Brown

Clarence E. Brown was born in Waterloo, Indiana, second house east of Wayne Street and US 6 on 25 June 1929. He was the son of Elsworth and Merle (LaRowe) Brown. He passed away on 30 July 2005 at the age of 76 years old, in DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn. Clarence was the sixth child of Elsworth and Merle. He has four sisters: Luella Aschleman and Geraldine Clark both of Auburn, Norma Dickison and Sue Bock both of Garrett. Also surviving are two brothers Edwin Brown of Auburn, and Richard Brown of Butler. Two brothers are deceased, Clyde Brown in 2003 and Howard Brown killed in a tank in World War II at the invasion of France. Clarence started working for Dana Corporation in Auburn in 23 December 1947. There he finished his 30 years of service and retired in 1977. Not long after that he went to work for Denny Baker, helping to start his new business as Green Grow Lawncare Service. A few years passed and someone asked him if he would like to work summers for DeKalb Agra. He loved the outdoors and worked for DeKalb Agra for ten years and decided to retire again.

One day his nephew called and wanted him to mow lawns for the Auburn Electric Company in the summer months. With great admiration and thinking he finally said "Ya that's not a bad idea". Then after another ten years he had to resign that position due to his health.

He attended Pyles & Bogg Island grade schools and also the St. Joe High School of which he was very proud. On 15 January 1949 he married Glenna M. Snyder of Garrett at Indianapolis, Indiana. They lived their entire married life in DeKalb County, Indiana. They had five children: Sharon J. (Brown) Pepple, Cinda J. (Brown) Stafford, and Michael L Brown, all of Auburn; two deceased children, Steve L Brown (age nine months) and Linda Jean Brown died at birth. She was a twin to Cinda. Clarence and his wife (Glenna) wintered in Bradenton, Florida, for over 20 years. They lived in a travel trailer park near Ellenton, Florida the first few years and then moved on south to Linger Lodge R V Park and spent 20 years there. It was a wonderful life as they celebrated over 56 years together.

Submitted Glenna Brown

Glenna M. Snyder Brown

Glenna M (Snyder) Brown resided in DeKalb County most of her life. She was born in Kendallville, Indiana on 13 July 1930 to Glenn W. Snyder and Mae M. (Brown) Snyder. Her father was a native resident of DeKalb County while her mother was born in Greene County, Indiana.

She is the oldest child of Glenn and Mae Snyder, both deceased. Her only sibling is Max. E. Snyder of Lugoff, South Carolina. He married Brenda Myers and they have five children all living at this time in South Carolina except one who lives near Bristol Indiana. Glenna attended the Richland Township Schools in her early life and later was a graduate of Garrett High School. She married Clarence E. Brown in Indianapolis, Indiana on 15 January 1949.

Their attendants were Robert and Doris Ann Metcalf who were their closest friends.

She became the mother of five children. They are Sharon J (Brown) Pepple, Cinda J. (Brown) Stafford and Michael L Brown. Two of the children are deceased: Steven Lynn Brown and Linda Jean Brown. She worked in different businesses such as the Sears Catalog Store in Auburn as office manager, Dailey Motor Sales as Title Clerk and last with the new Mr. Wiggs store as office manager in Auburn from 1969 - 1971. After those positions she and her husband wintered in Florida for over twenty years near Bradenton. There she was the cashier for Linger Lodge Restaurant in the RV Park. She now resides in her country home near Auburn.

Submitted by Glenna M. Brown

Karen and Bryan Bruner

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Karen Sue (Stahl) Sowles Bruner

Karen Sue (Stahl) Sowles Bruner was born 14 December 1959 in the Dr. Bonnell M. Souder Hospital in Auburn, DeKalb County. She was daughter of James William Stahl, born 04 August 1937 in DeKalb County and Carolyn Sue (Hovarter) Stahl, born 23 June 1939 in DeKalb County. She has one younger sister, Diane Kay (Stahl) Calcaterra, born 25 August 1961 in the Sacred Heart Hospital in Garrett, DeKalb County. *(More information on Diane on pages 385-386 in Volume II of the 1987 DeKalb County History plus in this book).* Her maternal grandparents are Harry Dale Hovarter, born 17 December 1914 in DeKalb County; died 15 December 2003 in Wesley Healthcare, Auburn and Pauline (Sherwood) Hovarter, born 03 October 1918 in DeKalb County; died 02 June 1983 in Parkview Hospital, Ft. Wayne, Allen County. They were farmers and school personnel who lived southwest of Corunna. Both are buried in the Corunna Cemetery. Her paternal grandparents are Clark William Stahl, born 26 May 1907 in DeKalb County; died 12 January 1989 at home in DeKalb County and Edna Louise (Bowman) Stahl, born 07 November 1915; died 16 March 1997 in Noble County. Both are buried in the Waterloo Cemetery.

Karen's maternal great-grandparents were Adam Hovarter, born 28 August 1852 in Franklin Township, DeKalb County; died 05 February 1942 in Garrett, and buried in Sixteen Cemetery, DeKalb County and Amanda Olive "Ollie" (Davis) Pressler Hovarter, born 06 December 1876 in Elkhart County; died 06 December 1954 in Garrett on her 78th birthday. She was buried in the Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett. Her other maternal great grandparents were John Vangesbeck Sherwood, born 18 September 1875; died 10 February 1919 and Grace Anna (Conkey) Mills Sherwood, born 11 November 1876; died 05 May 1940. Both are buried in the Waterloo Cemetery, DeKalb County. Pauline's father died when she was but a year old, and her mother married Daniel J. Grogg, born 1868, also a farmer. The family continued to live in the Waterloo area. *(See histories of Harry Dale and Pauline Hovarter, James William and Carolyn Stahl, Clark William and Edna Stahl*).

Karen's maternal great great grandparents were John Hovarter, Sr., (Johannes Howerter), born 03 November 1808 in Lebanon County, Pennsylvania; died 25 June 1889 in DeKalb County and married Nancy (Weirich) Hovarter on 24 November 1835. She was born 16 February 1814 in Lebanon County, Pennsylvania; died 01 April 1897 in DeKalb County. Both were buried in Fairfield Cemetery. *(See history of Adam Hovarter).*

Karen's paternal great grandparents were John Benjamin Stahl, born 16 November 1864 in a log cabin southwest of Waterloo. He died 13 July, 1946 at home, DeKalb County, and Elizabeth "Lizzie" (Haines) Stahl, born 07 September 1868; died 10 May 1955. Both were buried at Waterloo Cemetery. Karen's other paternal great grandparents were Milferd Chaney Bowman, born 24 September 1892; died 28 May 1964 at home, DeKalb County and Inez Eva (Park) Bowman, born 08 November 1891; died 19 March 1968 in DeKalb County. Both were buried in the Sedan Cemetery, DeKalb County.

Karen's paternal great great grandparents were John Baltzer Stahl, born 18 September 1821; died 05 April 1901 and Elizabeth Mary (Rohm) Stahl, born 04 February 1824; died 13 November 1883. Others were William Bowman, born 24 September, 1857; died 18 January 1926 and Martha Ellen (Chaney) Bowman, born 25 July 1856; died 08 June

1936. *(For more information on these persons, see the histories of John Benjamin Stahl and Milferd Chaney and Inez Bowman in this book).*

Karen attended DeKalb Central Schools and spent her first two years at the Corunna School which was closed at the end of her first grade year, May 1967. Her remaining elementary school years were spent at McKenney-Harrison, in Auburn, where she won a Good Citizenship Award. She attended McIntosh Junior High in Auburn and graduated with honors in 1978 from DeKalb High School, where she was a member of the National Honor Society, Future Homemakers of America, President of the Spanish Club, had a role in the school musical and served in a leadership capacity for numerous extracurricular activities and organizations. A talented vocalist, she especially enjoyed singing throughout her school career and was a performer with the prestigious A Cappella Choir, which made guest appearances before many local organizations throughout the year and held two public concerts annually.

During Karen's growing-up years, she participated in Girl Scouts and 4-H, winning several awards in each. In addition to singing, she cultivated her interest in music by playing the piano and also clarinet in the school band. She received numerous awards and recognition for her artistic talents in drawing and painting, and she enjoyed experimenting with new recipes and perfecting her skills in the culinary arts.

Karen was very active in general church activities at Maple Grove United Methodist Church, plus extras, such as church camp, teaching Vacation Bible School, President of the youth group and going to Haiti in 1976 for two weeks with a Gospel Music Caravan sponsored by Church World Missions.

Karen was married on 27 August 1977 to Dorsey "Wayne" Sowles, born 03 April 1957 in DeKalb County. Two children were born. 1) Michelle Erin Sowles, born 04 February 1978 and 2) Bradley Wayne Sowles, born 01 November 1979, both in DeKalb County. The family moved to Bluffton, Indiana, where Dorsey took a job with Simpson Industries. The marriage was dissolved in 1984 with Karen and the children remaining in Bluffton.

Karen, a member of the First United Methodist Church of Bluffton, was actively involved with church activities and so were the children. They participated in special children's programs and sang in the Children's Choir. Both youngsters attended Lancaster Central Elementary, where they excelled academically. Michelle also studied dance and was in the Brownie Division of Girl Scouts. Brad was especially talented in athletics.

Karen's love for, and interest, in children led to a 17-year career in caring for children of working mothers. She operated state-licensed Karen's Kids and Krafts Day Care in her home. She also continued to pursue her interest in cooking and enjoyed other activities, such as reading, gardening, fun-in-the sun at her parents' cottage on Lake Gage, Steuben County and nurturing the many house plants which adorned her home. *(For a photo and more information see the history of Karen Sue (Stahl) Sowles in pages 384-385 of Volume II 1987 DeKalb County History).*

On 10 December 1988 she married Terry L. Bruner, born 16 March 1961 in Jay County, Indiana, the son of James and Barbara Bruner, who lived in Portland, Jay County, Indiana. Terry worked for the Schwann's Frozen Foods Company at that time. Terry's next job was with the gas company, Northern Indiana Fuel & Light in Auburn. Next he worked for Stuckey Brothers, Fort Wayne, Allen County. Then he was employed by Buttermore Appliance in Auburn. At the time of this writing, he was back working for Stuckey Brothers in Fort Wayne.

To this union was born Karen's third

child: Bryan Curtis Bruner, born 05 February 1990 at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne, Allen County. He attended McKenney-Harrison Elementary in Auburn, DeKalb Middle School and is now in grade 9 at DeKalb High School. He has been involved in baseball, basketball, soccer, football and singing in special swing choirs all through school. Now he's a freshman at DeKalb High School and still plays baseball, basketball and football. He is also in the prestigious Classic Connection Show Choir, so he's a busy young man He also enjoys water sports and fishing and is looking forward to being able to get his regular driver's license.

Karen's other two children are married, and Michelle has made her a grandmother. On 19 August 2000 Michelle married Rodney Allan Walker, born 02 April 1972 at Whitley County Hospital, Columbia City. They purchased a home on Little Cedar Lake, one of the Tri-Lakes, near Columbia City. Since 1999 she has worked a full-time job, while taking classes at IPFW, hoping to become a nurse. The couple has two children: 1) Kylee Anne Walker, born 03 November 2000 and 2) Kenna Sue Walker, born 28 April 2002. *(More information on Michelle Erin (Sowles) Walker see her history).*

Karen's son, Bradley Wayne Sowles, was born 01 November 1979 in DeKalb County and lives with his wife, Sara Elaine (Bradford) Sowles born 11 May 1980 at Goshen, Indiana in their home in Goshen. Bradley graduated from DeKalb High School and in December 2002 he graduated from Indiana University, Bloomington with a B.S. Degree in Business. Bradley works as a Regional Sales Manager for Starcraft Bus, a Division of Forest River Corp. His wife, Sara, graduated from East Noble High School and from Goshen College in 2002 with a B.A. Degree in Education. She is a first grade teacher at West Noble's Ligonier Elementary. *(See history of Bradley Wayne Sowles).*

Karen and Terry were divorced in 2000, so she took a job with Trin at Ashley and worked there until 2005, when she decided to go to college full-time and work part-time to get through school quicker. She had been and is still taking classes at Ivy Tech, working toward an Accounting Degree. She works part-time at the Registration Desk of Country Hearth Inn in Auburn, Indiana. She does a good job of keeping up with Bryan's activities, studying, working and still making time for her two granddaughters, whom she enjoys very much.

Submitted by Carolyn Stahl

Burns & Upp (Ope or Opp) Family

Ernest Burns was born in Germany. He died in 1805 and was buried in Williamsburg Pennsylvania. He had married Amilia Gerlach of Germany.

Their children were: Henry (born 1764), Ann Margaret (born 1766), Jacob (born 1769), and Elizabeth (born about 1784).

Jacob Burns was born in 1769 probably in Pennsylvania. He married Magdalena Darr in 1790. To them were born twins, John and Elizabeth on 27 January 1793.

John Burns was born 27 Jan 1793 in Ohio and died 09 April 1857 in Stark County, Ohio. He married Elizabeth Rider 29 May 1821.

The children were: George William (born 1817), Mary (born 1818), twins Sarah and Hannah (born 1823), John (born 1826), Susan (?), Jacob (born 1832), Elizabeth (born 1835), Samuel (born 1838), Ann (born 1843), and Daniel (born 1846).

George W. Burns was born in Ohio on 09 August 1817 and died 18 May 1900, Butler, Indiana. He married Henrietta Olinger of Maryland. She was born on 13 July 1819, and died in Franklin Township, DeKalb County on 16 June 1900. They are buried in the Mount Pleasant Cemetery, Wilmington

Township, DeKalb County, Indiana.

They had the following children: Solomon "Sol" Burns 1840, George W. (born 1842), Catherine (born 1844), Elizabeth (born 1846), Daniel (born 1849), John (born 1850), William Franklin (born 1853), Lydia (born 1855), Jacob F. (born 1859), Mary J. (born 1861), Sarah Adaline (born 1865), Alice Kate (born 1869), and Frank (born 1870).

They owned a farm southwest of Butler in Wilmington Township, DeKalb County, Indiana.

Solomon "Sol" Burns was born in Stark County, Ohio on 01 April 1840. He married Margaret Ann Ope, born 04 July 1844 in Auburn Township, Tuscarawas County, Ohio. They married 25 September 1862 in Stark County, Ohio.

They produced the following children: Margaretta (born 1864), George W. (born 1867), Frank W. (born 1871), John H. (born 1874), Almond (?), Lothe Almeda (born 1880) and Ira Delton (born 1887).

Margaretta Burns was known to all as Etta. She was born 01 Oct 1864 in DeKalb County Indiana, south of Butler and was the third wife of James Daniel Campbell of Butler, Indiana.

James lived on a farm just west of Butler. The father and mother had two children: James Lemuel (born 1885), and Ada Leora (born 1890). Etta Burns died in 1925, and James Daniel Campbell died in 1926. Both are buried in Butler Cemetery east of town.

Margaret Ann Ope was the child of Valentine Upp, born about 1820 and Elizabeth Oless/Uhlis born about 1823 of Germany. He died about 1859 possibly in Tuscarawas County, Ohio.

Brothers and sisters of Margaret Ann Ope: John Upp (born 1848), Elizabeth Opp (born 1849), Mary and Daniel (born about 1853), Louise (born about 1854), Ann (born about 1856), Philip (born about 1857), Valentine Jr. (born about 1857).

Many descendants and relatives still live in the DeKalb County area.

Submitted Ralph Campbell

Merritt Auber Butler, Jr. and Ruth Hamilton Miller

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Merritt Auber Butler, Jr. was born 22 March 1904 in Spencer Township, DeKalb County, Spencerville, Indiana. He died 13 January and is buried at Woodlawn Cemetery Auburn, Indiana.

His parents were Merritt Auber Butler, Sr. of Spencerville and Annis Dale Warcup Butler of Huntertown. He grew up at Spencerville, Indiana and went to school there, graduating in 1922. He attended Tri-State.

He worked with his father in the construction business building bridges in Northeastern Indiana. He also worked for Grace Construction out of Fort Wayne, Indiana, building more bridges.

In 1946, he started his own company under the name, "*M. Auber Butler General Contractor.*" His first projects was masonry work on the Spencerville Fire House and a new church in Allen County and some building work for American Coal & Supply Company in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

He did the concrete work on the Masonic Temple at Spencerville, built the Indiana Bell Telephone exchange building at Spencerville, as well as the metal building on the Spencerville Town Hall.

He relocated the entire bank vault for the Hicksville Bank, Hicksville, Ohio by moving it 30 feet.

He incorporated his business in 1964, when his two sons Dale W. Butler and Kern Butler became part owners in the company and operated under the name of *Butler & Butler Construction, Inc.*

They purchased the Cedar Chapel Covered Bridge for $1.00 from the contractor, who was going to burn it down. A new bridge would be built in its place. They moved it into a woods next to the road and later it was sold to Conner Prairie, who erected it at their facility, located near Noblesville, Indiana.

A log cabin was taken down for the Allen County Historical Society and erected at the Sweeny Homestead in Fort Wayne, Indiana. They worked on the State Road 8 bridge over Cedar Creek in Auburn, Indiana. Projects have been: in the Chain-O-Lakes State Park, the park headquarters building, the campground store, and 16 cabins; in Pokagon State Park, the entrance Gate House, the bridge over the toboggan slide, and Campground #3 eleven interstate rest area buildings; 50 salt storage buildings, 100 county bridges, water lines and sewer lines for the City of Auburn, concrete runway repair for Baer Field Airport in Fort Wayne, Indiana; and the crane-set 200 manufactured homes. They erected the bell tower for Trinity Lutheran Church, Auburn, Indiana.

He married Ruth Hamilton Miller Butler on 23 December 1928. They lived at Spencerville, Indiana in the same house on County Road 55 all the rest of their lives. Ruth was born on 30 January 1903 in Shelby County, Indiana and died on 14 December 1988 buried in Woodlawn Cemetery located in Auburn, Indiana. Her parents were George Miller and Missouri Alice Willard Miller. She had two sisters and three brothers.

Ruth graduated from high school at Morristown, Indiana, and graduated from college with a Teacher's Certificate from Indiana State University, Terra Haute, Indiana. After graduation, she taught school first at Spencerville. Later, she taught at St. Joe High School and after that, Waterloo High School.

Auber and Ruth had two children, Dale W. Butler born 23 April 1934 and Kern Butler born 15 July 1936.

Submitted by Kern Butler

Merritt Aubur Butler, Sr.

Merritt Auber Butler, Sr. was born in 1874, died in 1957 and is buried in White City Cemetery at Spencerville, Indiana. His father was Daniel W. Butler and his mother was Sarah Jane Boots of Butler.

He married Annis Dale Warcup, who was born February 1879 in Perry Township, Allen County, Indiana, and died in 1971 at DeKalb Hospital, Auburn, Indiana. The father of Annis was George Warcup and her mother was Ella Dunten. Merritt and Annis had four children: Charles Ambrose Butler, Merritt Aubur Butler, Jr., Ivan Yates Butler and James Boots Butler.

Charles Ambrose Butler was born in 1902 and died in 1962. Charles had four children. Merritt Auber Butler, Jr. was born 22 March 1904, died 13 January 1984 and is buried at Woodlawn Cemetery. He had two children. Ivan Yates Butler was born in 1906, died in 1974 and is buried in Fort Wayne. He had three children. James Boots Butler was born 1914, died in 1999 and is buried in Garrett Catholic Cemetery. He had no children.

Annis was a singer and a schoolteacher. Merritt was a general contractor, building many bridges. He built the concrete portions of the Spencerville Covered Bridge, the Farmers and Merchants State Bank Building, the north addition of the Spencerville School and a bridge on 9th Street over Cedar Creek in Auburn as well as many other bridges in DeKalb County.

Merritt and Annis homesteaded 80 acres of land near Brandon, Colorado on 06 June 1913, which was signed by President Woodrow Wilson on the certificate of deed.

Later in life, Merritt and Annis were farmers and lived on the land that was homesteaded by his grandfather and grandmother, David and Elizabeth Yates Butler on 12 October 1833.

Submitted by Kern Butler

Daniel W. Butler

Daniel W. Butler had a son named Daniel Butler, Jr., who was born 03 June 1865 and died 04 September 1917. The mother of this son was Julie Grosh, but she did not marry Daniel W. Butler.

Daniel W. Butler married Sarah Jane Boots Butler on 02 February 1871, who was the daughter of John S. Boots and Eliza Ambrose of Jackson Township, DeKalb County, Indiana. She was born in 1851, died in 1937 and is buried in White City Cemetery, Spencerville, Indiana

To Daniel W. Butler and Sarah Jane Boots Butler were born three children: Frank L. Butler (b. 1872); Merritt Auburn Butler, Sr. (born 1874); Audrey Elizabeth Butler (b. 1880).

Daniel W. Butler was a farmer in Spencer Township, DeKalb County, Indiana.

Submitted by Kern Butler

Anna Mae Greenfield Butler and Kern Butler

Kern Butler and Anna Mae Greenfield

Kern Butler was born 15 July 1936 in Drake Hospital, Miami County, Peru, Indiana. His parents were Merritt Auber Butler, Jr. from Spencerville, Indiana and Ruth Hamilton Miller from Morristown, Indiana.

He grew up at Spencerville, Indiana, and attended school there for 11 years, then attended one year at Auburn High School, graduating in 1954. He also attended Indiana University and graduated with a B. S. Degree in General Business Administration.

He worked with his father, M. Auber Butler, and his brother ,Dale W. Butler, in construction. Starting at the age of ten in 1946, he learned from his father, who was a mason by trade. His father started with a wheel barrow and a brick trowel to what soon was added his first motorized of equipment which was a "Wonder" mortar mixer which is still working. Later, they added a six ton 1930's Michigan truck crane model "T 6 D" that had attachments of a backhoe, front shovel, dragline, clamshell, as well as a lattice boom. A one half cubic yard concrete mixer then enabled the construction of bridges and buildings. Kern and his brother operate the business as Butler & Butler Construction, Inc.

Kern married Anna Mae Greenfield on 31 July 1955 at Spencerville Methodist Church, Spencerville, Indiana, by Pastor Edwin J. Gilford, who had been a Pastor at the church. She is the daughter of Ernest Greenfield and Dessie Irene Durst and was born at their home near Waterloo, Indiana, DeKalb County on 27 July 1938.

Kern and Anna met in 1948 at Spencerville School when Jackson Township closed their one room school system. Anna was in the fourth grade and Kern was in the sixth grade. In the seventh grade, she attended Leo School, then graduated from University High School at Bloomington, Indiana. She worked at Leever Dry Cleaners Auburn, Indiana, while in high school; then she worked at Wolf & Dessauer in Fort Wayne, Indiana, in the drapery department before she had any children. Later, she worked at Monique Fabrics Auburn in sales and store manager. She also worked with her husband at Butler & Butler Construction, Inc. , Auburn, Indiana.

Kern & Anna lived at Spencerville on County Road 55 next door to Kern's parents until 1967, when they purchased their home at 207 South Dewey Street, Auburn, where they still reside.

Kern and Anna had three children.

Victoria Elizabeth was born 23 June 1957 at Garrett Sacred Heart Hospital, Garrett. She graduated from Ball State University and she married Alan Hauan and lives in Yerington, Nevada.

Roxanne Dawn Butler was born 28 September 1962 at Garrett Sacred Heart Hospital Garrett, Indiana. Roxanne graduated from Indiana University and she married Henry Jancose. They had one child Jacob Benjamin Butler-Jancose born 05 September 2003 and lives in Indianapolis.

Teena G. Butler was born 06 March 1966 at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.
Teena graduated from Saint Francis University and she married Richard A. Hart, Jr. and had two children: Justine Cherise Butler-Hart was born 12 November 1984 and Lodden Ashley Butler-Hart born 23 March 1986. Teena lives in Fort Wayne.

Submitted by Kern and Anna M. Butler

Elizabeth Yates Butler and David Butler

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David Butler and Elizabeth Yates Butler were the first permanent white family settlers in Spencerville, which is the first settlement of DeKalb County, Indiana.

David Butler was born in Culpepper County, Virginia 28 June 1805. He married Elizabeth Yates, who was born 12 February 1812.

They had eight children: Daniel W. Butler born 06 December 1842, David C. Butler born 06 December 1842, Irvin, Ellen, Andrew, Amos, Christiana and Minerva.

The Butler family moved from Culpepper County, Virginia by wagon train to Deer Creek, Pickaway County, Ohio. David Butler married Elizabeth Yates, whose brother was Thomas Levell Yates. From Ohio, they moved to Indiana together and built a cabin on land along the West bank of the St. Joe River near a ripple of shallow water.

The first people living in the Spencerville area were "squatters" and since David Butler and Thomas Yates were among the first squatters, their choice of the best fertile land was easy.

When it was possible to register their claim in the U. S. Land Office at Fort Wayne, Thomas Yates registered his claim on 13 September 1833 for land that is now Spencerville and David Butler registered his claim on land just south of Yates land on 12 October 1833. Following them was John Dawson on 11 November 1833, John Mathews on 20 November 1833, Isaac Patterson on 24 December 1833. This is six families by the end of 1833 and by 1836 there were eighteen claims registered. Some of these might have been at Spencerville since 1828, when Spencerville was the first settlement in DeKalb County. Previous to the organization of the county in 1837-1838, this area in the southeast corner was called DeKalb.

John Dawson, himself, never lived at his land at DeKalb and in a news item appearing in the Fort Wayne News in 1833, he speaks of his land and he found two families living there.

In July 1836, Ruben J. Dawson, who was a brother to John Dawson, purchased the Yates property for speculation. In 1837-1838, the county was organized and in 1837 Thomas Levell Yates was appointed to the office of Probate Judge and left the area.

John Houghton, who made his claim on 03 September 1833, built a cabin on Fish Creek in the northeast corner of the county. He then returned back to Ohio for the winter.

He then returned the next spring with his family to live there. In his writings, he states that some potatoes he buried for storage in 1833 was still good in the spring of 1834.

In the fall of 1834, Nelson Ulm and Sam Wasson drove over land one cow and four pigs from Fort Wayne to the David Butler farm, using Indian trails because there were no roads. In May of 1836, Samuel and John Widney upset their boat in the St. Joe River when they reached the ripple opposite the David Butler cabin. Their goods were thrown into the river and a small trunk with $800.00 in bills was carried downstream and latter found a half mile from the Butler cabin. Everything was taken inside and the bills were spread on the floor to dry, to “spend” another day.

David Butler was active in the erection of the frame building of the First Methodist Church erected in 1850 on the location where the Methodist church now stands. In 1856 the church building was improved by the addition of the tower and installed a bell.

A big celebration was held in 1928 of the centennial of Spencerville, under the auspices of the DeKalb County Historical Society, who dedicated a monument of the occasion that is located on the northeast corner of Main Street and Auburn Street, which is now the intersection of State Road 1 and County Road 68.

They had a parade which marched from the mill site up to Main Street. Johnny Appleseed was there and walked along reading his bible and scattering seeds.

Elizabeth Yates Butler died 04 March 1877. David Butler died 02 September 1884. Both David and Elizabeth are buried in the White City Cemetery at Spencerville, Indiana.

Submitted by Kern Butler

Chris and Diane Calcaterra Family

Diane Kay (Stahl) Calcaterra

Diane Kay (Stahl) Calcaterra was born 25 August 1961 in the Sacred Heart Hospital, Garrett, DeKalb County, Indiana, daughter of James William Stahl, born 04 August 1937 in DeKalb County, Indiana, and Carolyn Sue (Hovarter) Stahl, born 23 June 1939 in DeKalb County, Indiana. She had one older sister, Karen Sue (Stahl) Sowles Bruner, born 14 December 1959 in Dr. Bonnell M. Souder Hospital in Auburn, DeKalb County, Indiana. *(For more information on Karen, see pages 384-5 in Volume 11 of the 1987 DeKalb County History plus her entry in this book).* Her maternal grandparents are Harry Dale Hovarter, born 17 December 1914 in DeKalb County, Indiana; died 15 December 2003 in Wesley Healthcare, Auburn, DeKalb County and Pauline (Sherwood) Hovarter, born 03 October 1918 in DeKalb County; died 02 June 1983 in Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne, Allen County. They were farmers and school personnel who lived southwest of Corunna. Both are buried in the Corunna Cemetery. Her paternal grandparents are Clark William Stahl, born 26 May 1907 in DeKalb County, Indiana; died 12 January 1989 at home in DeKalb County, Indiana and Edna Louise (Bowman) Stahl, born 07 November 1915; died 16 March 1997 in Noble County, Indiana. Both are buried in the Waterloo Cemetery.

Diane's maternal great grandparents were Adam Hovarter, born 28 August 1852 in Franklin Township, DeKalb County; died 05 February 1942 in Garrett, DeKalb County, Indiana, and buried in Sixteen Cemetery, DeKalb County, Indiana, and Amanda Olive "Ollie" (Davis) Pressler Hovarter, born 06 December 1876 in Elkhart County; died 06 December 1954 in Garrett, DeKalb County on her 78th birthday. She was buried in the Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett, DeKalb County. Her other maternal great grandparents were John Vangesbeck Sherwood, born 18 September 1875; died 10 February 1919 and

Grace Anna (Conkey) Mills Sherwood, born 11 November 1876; died 05 May 1940. Both are buried in the Waterloo Cemetery, DeKalb County. Pauline's father died when she was but a year old, and her mother married Daniel J. Grogg, born 1868, also a farmer. The family continued to live in the Waterloo area. *(For more information see histories of Harry Dale and Pauline Hovarter, James William and Carolyn Stahl, Clark William and Edna Stahl in this book).*

Diane's maternal great great grandparents were John Hovarter, Sr., (really Johannes Howerter), born 03 November 1808 in Lebanon County, Pennsylvania; died 25 June 1889 in DeKalb County and married Nancy (Weirich) Hovarter on 24 November 1835. She was born 16 February 1814 in Lebanon County, Pennsylvania; died 01 April 1897 in DeKalb County. Both are buried in Fairfield Cemetery. Other maternal great great grandparents were Reuben Davis, born 1847; died 1926 and Louisa (Maggert) Davis, born 1856; died 1926. Nathan and Pamela or Parmelia (Butt) Davis and Jesse and Rebecca Ann (Jones) Maggert were originally from the Kosciusko County area. *(For more information see histories of Adam and Harry Dale Hovarter.).*

Diane's paternal great grandparents were John Benjamin Stahl, born 16 November 1864 in a log cabin southwest of Waterloo and died 13 July 1946 at home, DeKalb County and Elizabeth "Lizzie" (Haines) Stahl, born 07 September 1868; died 10 May 1955. Both are buried at Waterloo Cemetery. Diane's other paternal great grandparents were Milferd Chaney Bowman, born 24 September 1892; died 28 May 1964 at home, DeKalb County and Inez Eva (Park) Bowman, born 08 November 1891; died 19 March 1968 in DeKalb County. Both are buried in the Sedan Cemetery, DeKalb County.

Diane's paternal great great grandparents were John Baltzer Stahl, born 18 September 1821; died 05 April 1901 and Elizabeth Mary (Rohm) Stahl, born 04 February 1824; died 13 November 1883. Additional great-great grandparents were William Bowman, born 24 September, 1857; died 18 January 1926 and Martha Ellen (Chaney) Bowman, born 25 July 1856; died 08 June 1936. *(For more information see the histories of John Benjamin Stahl and Milferd Chaney and Inez Bowman.)*

Diane was proud to be a farmer's daughter, since she felt life taught her responsibility and the value of working hard to meet goals. She graduated with honors from DeKalb High School and Indiana University, Bloomington, in 1984 with a B.S. Degree in Marketing and Business Administration. She had various leadership roles in high school and in college. Music has always brought special enjoyment as a listener and a performer, and she played 1st trombone in the jazz and school band and is an accomplished pianist. A talented vocalist, she sang with a touring group and a local dance band. Very photogenic, she enjoyed the excitement of winning beauty pageants, modeling, and having photographs of her used for University promotions. *(For a photo and more detailed information see her history on pages 385-6 in Volume 11 of the 1987 DeKalb County History).*

After graduating from college, she worked for 15 years as a sales representative for Chicago-based American Hospital Supply, Baxter Travenol Healthcare and Allegiance Healthcare, selling custom sterile packs and surgical drapes and supplies to surgeons and hospitals in the lower Indiana, Kentucky and Ohio areas. She met her husband-to-be after she was transferred to Louisville. Both of them were sales representatives for healthcare products and they met in a hospital while on their sales rounds. She lived in Evansville from 1984-1986 and in Louisville from 1986-1991.

On 05 November 1988, she married Chris Michael Calcaterra, born 16 June 1960 in St.

Louis, Missouri, the son of Robert Allan Calcaterra, born 05 December 1939 in St. Louis, Missouri and Eileen (Mindrup) Calcaterra, born 11 October 1939 in St. Louis, Missouri. Robert worked many years as the division manager for James River Corporation (a paper company). Eileen worked at a bank for several years in California. Both are retired and split their time between their Florida and Cincinnati homes. Chris' grandparents were Eugene Mindrup, born 10 April 1908; died 16 February 1984. He worked for the Sealtest Milk Company. His wife, Marie (O'Connell) Mindrup, born 06 September 1908; died 23 January 1996 worked as a church secretary. Chris' paternal grandparents were John Calcaterra, born 26 May 1912; died 23 November 1984. He was a foreman in a Pittsburgh Paint Company plant. His wife was Laverne (Smith) Calcaterra, born 24 September 1916; died 31 May 1978. She was a homemaker. All his maternal and paternal grandparents are buried in St. Louis, Missouri.

As a youngster, Chris lived in St. Louis, California and Ohio, and he graduated from Loveland High School, Cincinnati, Ohio in 1978, where he excelled academically and athletically. He attended Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, where he earned a B. S. in Business Administration in 1982. After working for several years, he went back to college, and in 1997, got his Executive MBA from Xavier in Cincinnati. From June 1982 to April 1987, Chris worked as a sales representative and regional manager for Baxter Travenol. He had the same positions with Allergan from April 1987 to 01 July 2002. From 12 July 2002 to the present, he has worked for Advanced Medical Optics as National Accounts Manager and Vice-President of Sales and Marketing for North and South America. In June 2002, his promotion necessitated the move to California from Cincinnati, Ohio, where they had lived since 1991. Since 2002, they continue to live in Coto de Caza, California, a gated community near Mission Viejo.

Diane and Chris are the parents of four children: Nicholas Eugene, born 16 April, 1993, and a set of triplets born on 04 December 1998; Andrew James, Claire Marie and Grant Robert. All the children have taken piano lessons, and while Claire takes jazz and ballet dance classes, the two younger boys are in Cub Scouts. All four of them are very athletic and are involved in sports of various disciplines. All are academically talented, as well. Nick goes to the Las Flores Middle School and the triplets are in first grade at Wagon Wheel Elementary, Trabuco Canyon, California. With her busy family, Diane no longer has time to work outside the home, but she does take time to pursue her interests in: tennis, swimming, running, water and snow skiing, reading and gardening. Chris does a lot of traveling, but he makes time for golf, snow and water skiing and coaching.

Submitted by Carolyn Stahl

Robert C. "Bob" and Ruth E. (Lamb) Camarata Family

Bob was born in Gary, Indiana in 1946 to James and Mary (Sodaro) (Macaluso) Camarata. Bob has two older brothers, Joe, in California and Jim, in Marion, Indiana. James was born in Villarosa, Sicily in 1912 to Joseph and Angelina (Russo) Camarata. James, the oldest of four, came from Sicily with the family to Clinton, Indiana in 1923, later moving to Gary. Joseph came to America in 1912, making several trips back and forth before bringing the whole family. He received his U.S. citizenship by serving in World War I. Mary was born in 1919 in Clinton, Indiana to Sam Sodaro, born Calascibetta, Sicily and Santina Macaluso, born Villarosa, Sicily. Mary had two younger sisters.

The Camarata Family

L to R: Back: Brigette, Brian, Paul, Rebecca

Bob attended grade school at Franklin School and St. Mark's School and graduated from Lew Wallace High School in Gary. He graduated from Indiana University with a degree in Psychology. He was drafted into the Army and served from 1969 to 1971 in the military police at Fort Carson, Colorado. Bob and Ruth met in Bloomington and married in 1970 in Merrillville, Indiana. After leaving the military, Bob worked as a General Finance Manager in Indianapolis, Connersville, Logansport, and Fort Wayne, Indiana. In 1981 he began working at Lincoln Bank in Fort Wayne, which became Norwest, then Wells Fargo. In 2000 he started with Rothberg, Logan & Warsco in Fort Wayne.

Ruth was born in Rochester, Indiana in 1949 to Frank E. and Violet D. (Clark) Lamb. She has no siblings. Frank died in 1953, Violet in 1962. Frank was born in 1926 in Fulton County, Indiana to Samuel and Icy Pearl (Garst) Lamb. Frank was the youngest of six. Samuel's father's ancestors were Quakers from Wayne County, Indiana and North Carolina. His mother's Davis ancestors were from Wales. Icy's ancestors were from Ohio, Pennsylvania, Bavaria and other parts of Germany, Switzerland and Scotland. Violet was born in 1928 in Pulaski County, Indiana to Kenneth and Lottie Bell (Marvin) Clark. Violet was the middle child of six. Violet's ancestor's came through Ohio mainly from Delaware, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Virginia, and North Carolina. All Ruth's ancestors came to America before 1800, originally from England, Scotland, Ireland, Holland, Belgium, and Germany.

Ruth attended grade school in rural Pulaski County, Indiana; Kewanna and Lake Cicott, Indiana; Kaiserslautern, Germany; Etain, France; Granite City, Illinois; Logansport and North Judson, Indiana. She graduated from North Judson High School. Ruth graduated with a BS in Nursing from Indiana University, attending the Bloomington and Indianapolis campuses. She started work on the Teen unit of Riley Hospital, then a doctor's office and later other hospitals and nursing homes. Bob and Ruth moved to DeKalb County in 1977. Since then, she has volunteered with grade school and high school activities, Cub Scout Pack 3169, the Eckhart Library and currently the Genealogy Department of the Allen County Public Library. Recently, she did city directory research for a private company for a year. She is a charter member of the DeKalb County Indiana Genealogy Society, was Recording Secretary and Publicity for several years, and has also served as newsletter editor and on various committees.

Bob and Ruth have two children, Brian S., born in Connersville in 1973 and Paul J., born in Auburn, Indiana in 1978. Brian and Paul attended McKinney Harrison and DeKalb Central High School. Brian and Paul graduated from Indiana-Purdue, Fort Wayne (IPFW) with degrees in business. Brian and his wife Brigette (Przybyla), married in 2003, live in Fort Wayne. Paul and his wife Rebecca (Becca Sprankle) married in 2005, live in Indianapolis.

Submitted by Ruth Camarata

A Campbell Family of DeKalb County, Indiana

William and Margaret Campbell arrived in DeKalb County, Indiana in the late 1840's. In 1848, they purchased a farm immediately west of Butler, north of the Railroad. William was born either in Pennsylvania or Ireland depending on belief of which census. He may have married in Belmont County, Ohio, if Margaret is a McCurdy. If she is not a McCurdy, then the mystery is much deeper. They had moved into Licking County, Ohio, in the early 1800's and remained there for a number of years.

William Campbell was born 16 May 1786, living 78 years, until 23 Aug 1865, Margaret was born 03 March 1783, living 84 years until 20 September 1864. The couple died within a month of each other.

In 1848, William purchased acreage in DeKalb County when he was in his late 50s. While he worked the land with help from his sons, he continued to clear the land and drain the lowland. His son, Samuel, also had a farm just west toward Butler. William's son, John, stayed in Ohio and farmed there.

William and Margaret were laid to rest in Rude Cemetery, as were a number of their children: James Mitchel 1809, Maryaretta 1814, Samuel M. 1821, John H. about 1822, Betsey 182?, Jane B. 1827, William R. 1829, Peggy and Patience. In the small cemetery, the graves of the McCurdy family are buried a short distance away.

William R. Campbell married Catharine Webb of Licking County Ohio. She was born in 1831; her parents had known each other in Greene County, Pennsylvania. Ten children were born to them: John Wesley 1850, David P. 1853, James Daniel 1855, Margaret E. R. 1857, William R., Jr. 1860, Lemuel Luther 1863, Louisa 1865, George P. 1867, and an unknown child, and Harriet May in 1873.

William died in 1890 and Catherine 1917, at the age of 86. They are buried in Rude Cemetery, north of Butler.

James Daniel Campbell was married three times, the third wife being Margaretta Burns, known to all as Etta. She was born 01 Oct 1864 in DeKalb County, Indiana, south of Butler.

James lived on a farm just west of Butler. James and Margaretta had two children: James Lemuel, born in 1885, and Ada Leora, born in 1890.

The Campbell Family

James Daniel was a conductor on the New York Central Railroad and in the 1890's, there was a article in *The Waterloo Press*, 30 July 1885 "J. Campbell, of Butler, a brakeman on Freight No.82, eastern bound, when making a coupling on Friday afternoon at this place, met with the misfortune of having a crippled hand caught between the drawbars on an empire car, and had the lower portion of his hand crushed. He has a thumb and one finger left from the third accident."

James Daniel Campbell died in 1926 and Etta died in 1925, both buried in Butler Cemetery, east of town.

James Lemuel Campbell married Minnie Eva Cherry in Auburn 12 September 1908. There exists a wedding picture of the couple sitting in the rear seat of a 1904 McIntire automobile, which was made in Auburn. Four children were born to the couple: Awilda Bernice 12 July 1910, Arthur A. 11 July 1911, Ruth Ann 02 November 1915, and Ralph L. 12 April 1917.

James Lemuel Campbell worked for the Butler Company, building and repairing pumps. He desired to be a railroad man, but his mother objected. James Lemuel had an operation on his liver in 1934 and after suffering disability and pain for more than a year, he took his life with a self-inflicted wound. The family was devastated and Minnie went to work for a garment factory making corsets in Butler.

Arthur A. Campbell was born in Butler, Indiana, and Doris Mary Flick was born in Butler, Pennsylvania.

They met in Detroit, Michigan, and married five weeks later on 09 July 1938.

Doris was the 7th of 13 children born to her mother. At the age of 12, after the early death of her father, she took care of raising the younger children.

Arthur and Doris raised six children: Patricia Joan, Barbara Jean, Ralph Arthur, Marjorie Ann, Sanie Elizabeth and James Edward.

Arthur A. Campbell was an avid ball player and in 1929 was in tryouts for the Chicago Cardinals, in Texas, a farm team for the Detroit Tigers. After returning home, the family purchased partial ownership of the Butler Company building and flew airplanes north of Butler on the Showalter farm with Wild Bill Hankey, Southerland and Arthur Campbell in joint ownership. Bill Hankey would later marry Awilda, Arthur's sister. His father, James Lemuel, purchased Arthur's company interest from his brother, James.

In 1930, Arthur earned his pilot's license and flew the planes from which Wild Bill would parachute, after doing a little dance on the wing. Together they built a kit plane, "Yellow Jacket," and attempted to market it. On one flight, the Yellow Jacket crashed on take off, catching the tail wheel on a fence, and the company was no more. Arthur and Bill went to Cincinnati, Ohio, to work with aircraft but soon returned. Arthur then went into partnership with another Butler resident delivering ice.

In 1933, Bill Hankey and Arthur Campbell hopped a freight train and went to Detroit for work. Just prior to leaving, he gave his dog (a boxer) to a cousin, Arman Campbell. (This was discovered in the year, 2005). Arthur found work with the Briggs Construction Company in Detroit. He was a brick layer. During this time, he entered a grocery store to buy some cigarettes, took notice of the young woman behind the counter and struck up a conversation. They were married about five weeks later.

When World War II broke out, Arthur attempted to join the Air Force but with two children, was not allowed. He and Bill went to work at Willow Run Airport in Ann Arbor, Michigan, building and test piloting the Flying Fortress, also known as the B-17.

During the time the war was ending Arthur Campbell got a job as a mechanic with Capitol Airlines. In 1960, Capitol merged with United Airlines. Arthur retired in Maryland in 1972. Arthur went to work for Bill Hankey, in the Prop Shop, Tampa, Florida. With the sale of the Prop Shop in 1974, he was fully retired. Arthur died 16 November 1975 and was interred in Westland, Michigan.

Ruth Ann Campbell, became a schoolteacher in Butler, and married Victor McCrory of Spencerville, DeKalb County, Indiana. Victor and Ruth, during the "War years" were part of the United States Weather service, in Puerto Rico. Ruth is currently living in Florida with her daughter Linda, who is a librarian.

Ralph L. Campbell graduated from college and became a fighter pilot in North Africa. He was involved in the early space program out of St. Louis, Missouri. His wife Virginia, and daughters Cheryl and Cynthia survive with their families.

Ralph Arthur Campbell was born September 1945 in Detroit, Michigan, and has lived in Michigan, Massachusetts, Maryland, Florida (Navy), Illinois, and Indiana. He returned to Auburn, DeKalb County in 1994. Feeling like he was welcomed in the community, unlike anywhere else, and feeling like he "fit in like a family member", he purchased a home across the street from the Eckhart Public Library. From there, he later watched the erection of the W. H. Willennar Center across Jackson Street. This was convenient as he had developed an interest in genealogy in 1992. Ralph learned in June 2005 that the house he purchased was once owned by a second cousin, once removed, Arman Campbell in the 1960's.

My grandparents, James Lemuel and Minnie (Cherry) Campbell's children moved from DeKalb County in the 1930's and 40's. Other branches of the family are still in the area.

With recent research of his family, Ralph has met and talked with additional cousins that descend from William and Catherine (Webb) Campbell of the mid to late 1800's. Some of the cousins are: brothers, Jerry and Gary Zonker of Corunna; Benny Campbell, along with his daughter, Shauna, in Auburn; Benny's parents, Richard and Barbara (Albertson) Campbell, now of Fort Wayne; brothers, Arman and Bert Campbell, formerly of Butler and now residing nearby.

Submitted by Ralph Campbell

Andrew Jackson Carmer and Elizabeth Ashleman

Andrew Jackson Carmer was born 18 September 1834 in Dryden, New York and died 18 June 1895 from a heart attack. He was a student, a farmer, and a religious scholar. He was a formal, precise man and perhaps difficult to know.

Andrew married Elizabeth in 1854 when Elizabeth was 22.

Elizabeth Ashleman was born 03 May 1832 in Berne Switzerland, the daughter of John Ulrich and Maria Everhart Ashleman. Her siblings were: a sister who died at sea on the trip to America, Moses, Barbara, Mary, Regina, Anna, William, Christopher, and Rosa. Elizabeth was one year of age when she arrived in America in 1833 with her parents. They settled in Wayne County, Ohio and when she was twelve, the family moved to Auburn, Indiana. She saw the opening of the first grave in the Old Auburn Cemetery.

Andrew and Elizabeth took great delight in entertaining and were noted for their hospitality. Elizabeth enjoyed working out of doors whenever she could. She loved the soil and growing things. Her shoulders were bent and her hands knotted from hard work. She had a fine garden too. Meetings of the Church of the Brethren were held at her home on Sunday afternoons.

Seven children were born to this family: William was born 28 December 1857 and died 20 March 1930. He married Mattie May; Mary Ellen "Mollie" was born 12 March 1859 and died 07 May 1944. She married Frederick Krum; Annie was born 25 August 1862 and died 14 February 1886. She married John Mortoff.; Julia Pathenia was born 10 April 1864 and died 09 September 1868; Nellie was born 14 November 1866 and died 31 May 1877; Jeremiah was born 16 February 1870 and died 21 January 1947. He married Nora Jane Reasoner.

Elizabeth died 26 September 1906 in Auburn, Indiana of a heart attack while sitting on the steps of her home. The funeral was at the Lutheran Church and burial in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Submitted by Terry Allen Franzman

Ida Mae and Ray F. Carnahan

Ray F. Carnahan Family

The Carnahan family of Ray F. Carnahan came to DeKalb County, Indiana, by way of Samuel Smith Carnahan who was born in Pennsylvania, 15 August 1824. Samuel and his wife Elizabeth Holsten moved to DeKalb County, Indiana, in 1854 and settled on the farm where he died 02 March 1886.

His mother, Elizabeth Smith, wife of Thomas Carnahan, along with Hezekiah, Wilson, and Fanny Carnahan followed her son to DeKalb County in 1856. Elizabeth was born in Ireland and Thomas's father, John Carnahan, was a Scotsman by birth. Elizabeth died at the residence of her son Hezekiah, 08 March 1864, and was buried in the Evergreen Cemetery at the town of Auburn in DeKalb County.

Samuel and Elizabeth Carnahan had eight children, one of which was Perry Carnahan who married Martha Freeman. Perry and Martha Carnahan had four children, Alice, Dora, Inez and Ray F. Carnahan.

Ray married Ida Mae Hall Timberlin in 1924 and had six children, Clifford, Ralph, Opal, Raymond, Harry and Ray Junior. Ida preceded her family in death when taking a church mission project down to Kentucky on 15 July 1959, and was killed in an auto accident outside Berea, Kentucky. Ray F. Carnahan joined his wife with the Lord on 22 April 1983. At the time of this printing, Clifford Carnahan is the only one of the children to have joined their parents in Heaven on 01 April 1998 at the age of 73.

Ray F. Carnahan was a fur and wool buyer for over fifty years, while farming for his entire life, the family farm on County Road 68. Ray and his family attended Hopewell United Brethren Church on County Road 35 in DeKalb County.

(Information provided by "Carnahan Notes," July 1959 by Hugh L. Carnahan, Colonel, Army of the United States, Retired, and, through oral histories.)

Submitted by Opal M. Georgi

Ebben Thomas Carnahan

Ebben Thomas Carnahan was born 13 January 1871 in Jackson Township, DeKalb County, Indiana. He was the son of Hezekiah Lewis Carnahan and Margaret A. McNabb. He spent his life farming the family homestead developed by his father six miles south of Auburn.

Ebben & Gertrude Carnahan family 1907

On 17 March 1898, he married Ellen Gertrude Hollopeter, daughter of Capt. William Curtis Hollopeter and Cynthia A. Moore. Better known as Gertrude, she was born 07 April 1872 in Cedar Creek Township, Allen County, Indiana.

Affectionately known as "E.T.", Ebben was an avid reader and country schoolteacher for a number of years. He was also a census enumerator in the 1900 Census and ran for Constable, as a Republican, in the 1900 election.

Ebben wore a large straw colored mustache and was known as a country fiddler. Ebben's cousin, Hugh Carnahan, recalled: "Before television, radio, or the wheezy phonograph, winter evenings were long and dull. Anyone who could enliven a country gathering with a few old dance tunes was a welcome addition to the party. No one ever made a fortune at it, but they did get a lot of fun out of playing for these affairs which were not always approved by the good pillars of the church."

His aging father had serious health issues contracted during the Civil War that Ebben and his wife attended to for several years in the home prior to his death.

Ebben and Gertrude had four daughters: Nellie, who married Charles O. Cook and resided near St. Joe, Indiana; Jessie Mabel, who married Homer Dale Clark and resided in Indiana and Wisconsin; Mary Belle, who married first H. C. Grandstaff, and second Charles Anderson and resided in Indiana and Michigan; and Bertha Faye, who married first Kenneth Nodine and second George Moore, and resided in Bryan, Ohio.

Ebben Carnahan died on 27 March 1930 at the place of his birth. The cause of his death was hypertension.

Gertrude was also a schoolteacher prior to her marriage. After Ebben's death, she remarried Clement Evard in 1938. They resided in New Haven, Indiana, and she died of complications of a broken hip on 02 July 1949. Ebben is buried in the Mausoleum at Woodlawn Cemetery in Auburn, and Gertrude is buried in the I.O.O.F. (The Independent Order of Odd Fellows) Cemetery at New Haven.

Ebben and Gertrude Carnahan are an example of another hard working and enterprising farm family that assisted in making early DeKalb County, Indiana, what it is today.

Submitted by Ralph O. Diehl

Hezekiah Lewis Carnahan

Hezekiah Lewis Carnahan was born 11 July 1830 in Mercer (now Lawrence) County, Pennsylvania. He was the eighth child of Thomas and Elizabeth (Smith) Carnahan. The family moved to Richland County, Ohio, when Hezekiah was only five. At age 19, his father died and Hezekiah assumed the responsibility of running the family farm.

Hezekiah, along with his widowed mother and several older brothers, moved west to Jackson Township, DeKalb County, in 1855. He related that he "came out to Fort Wayne on a canal boat on the old Wabash & Erie Canal." In August 1855, he bought an 80-acre farm from Edward and Martha Freeman for $500. The Carnahan brothers all lived within a close area and supported one another in farm labors. In those days, native forests needed hard work to be cleared for farm land.

Hezekiah married Margaret A. McNabb, daughter of William James, Sr., and Mary Ann (Watson) McNabb. Margaret was born 21 December, 1839, the first white child born in Jackson Township. Her grandson, Carnahan historian Hugh L. Carnahan, recorded, "Her family had settled along an old Indian trail and many times the Indians stopped there for water or something to eat. Among her memories was the sight of the legendary Johnny Appleseed stopping at their clearing. At the time he was wearing only one shoe and carrying the other. It seemed that one foot had stepped on a toad, and he was punishing it by making it go barefoot."

Hezekiah was drafted into the Union Army in 1864. He served in Co. A, 13th Indiana Volunteer Infantry. His grandson records, "He provided for his family by leaving enough wheat for a year's use piled in one corner of the cabin....Like many others he acquired the dread camp dysentery, which was to plague him in after years.

"The only battle he participated in was the reduction of Ft. Fisher. He was sick when the troops went ashore, but he helped dig a trench in the sand with his mess kit, and then lay down in it. He was removed to a hospital ship and later to a land hospital."

His war experience seriously damaged his health. He was never able to do a good days work after that.

Hezekiah and Margaret had four children. William married Ophelia M. Hollopeter, and worked as a carpenter near Garrett, Mary Ellen married John D. Essig who farmed in Jackson Township, Ebben Thomas married Ellen Gertrude Hollopeter and worked the family farm, and James C. married Alice Fredrickson and worked as a carpenter near Garrett.

Hezekiah died an invalid 07 March 1914. Margaret lived the next three years with her son, Ebben, and died 24 September 1917. They are both buried in Evergreen Cemetery, Auburn, Indiana.

Hezekiah and Margaret were Hoosier pioneers who not only witnessed the settling of DeKalb County, but actually labored to tame this wild country. They are the hard working substance of the history books.

Submitted by Ralph O. Diehl

James Colburn Carnahan

James Colburn Carnahan was born 13 June 1872 in Jackson Township, DeKalb County, Indiana. He was the youngest son of Hezekiah Lewis Carnahan and Margaret A. McNabb.

James was married to Alice M. C. Fredrickson, daughter of Jacob Fredrickson and Ann Whitmore, of Allen County, Indiana, on 15 March 1894. Alice was born 01 August 1872 in Cedarville, Indiana.

His nephew, historian Hugh Carnahan, remembered, "As long as his strength would allow he rented some of the larger farms of that locality [Cedar Creek Township, Allen County], later purchasing a farm bordering on Cedar Creek, east of Cedar Chapel. This remained his home until his death." He also worked as a carpenter.

In his social life, he was a country fiddler, much in demand for area entertainment.

James and Alice had four children: Eva Angeline, who married first Ross Berry, and then Walter J. Baker, and resided near Butler; a baby girl who died at one week of age; Harold Lawrence, who married first Edith James, and then Mildred Closson, and resided near Hudson, Indiana; and an unknown child who died in childhood.

James died 29 November 1939 and was buried in Cedar Chapel Cemetery in DeKalb County, Indiana.

After James' death, his widow, Alice, moved into Auburn where she resided on North Jackson St. from 1938-1953. As she aged, she resided at Sheehy Nursing Home in Butler, from 1953-1960.

Alice died on 22 January 1960 in that nursing home and is buried next to her husband.

Submitted by Ralph O. Diehl

William John Carnahan

William John Carnahan was born 13 May 1860 in Jackson Township, DeKalb County, Indiana. He was the oldest of four children born to Hezekiah and Margaret (McNabb) Carnahan.

He spent his life working and developing his father's farm 7 ½ miles southwest of Auburn in Butler Township, purchasing it after the Hezekiah's death in 1914. William's son, historian Hugh Carnahan, recounted: "Only about a third of his farm had been cleared when he moved on it and the rest had to be cleared and fenced. A large portion of this woodland was the swamp bottom of an old beaver pond. It was muck with peat moss below it, which could be cut with a spade like turf in Ireland. All of this had to be ditched and tile put in to drain the low places. Through the back part of the place ran the divide between the St. Joe River and Cedar Creek. It was so situated that it drained into the watersheds of three county ditches. Life was just one ditch after another."

He was married to Ophelia May Hollopeter, daughter of Capt. William Curtis and Cynthia (Moore) Hollopeter, of Cedar Creek Township in Allen County, Indiana. Ophelia was born 09 June 1866 in Allen County. This wedding occurred 21 August 1889.

Hugh Carnahan further summarized William's life: "W. J…learned the rudiments of several trades. For several years he followed the carpenter's trade in the country around his home, acting as a contractor most of the time. He was a fair blacksmith, repairing much of the machinery used on the farm. In the winter he repaired the shoes of the family. His interest in things mechanical led him to build a telephone line from his home to that of the nearest neighbor."

William served one term as township trustee and one as township assessor, as well as superintendent of construction on several county ditches. Musically, he was in demand as a country fiddler. Religiously, he was a member of Mt. Olivet M. E. Church.

As William became too feeble to handle the farming operations, he rented out his fields and devoted his time to his bees, chickens and turkeys.

William and Ophelia were the parents of two sons, Col. Hugh Carnahan, and Capt. Paul Carnahan, both career soldiers and veterans of both World Wars I and II.

William contracted measles in 1893, and his health was afflicted from that time forward. He died 22 April 1934 on his Butler Township farm. He is buried in the mausoleum at Woodlawn Cemetery in Auburn.

Ophelia lived as a widow for another eleven years, residing at the home of her in Huntertown. On 09 April 1945, Ophelia died of complications of a broken hip, and was laid to rest next to her husband in the mausoleum at Woodlawn.

William and Ophelia Carnahan are examples of hard working DeKalb County farmers who used skill and technology to develop a productive farm.

Submitted by Ralph O. Diehl

Harold Richard Carr and Marilyn Joan Kail

On 09 September 1956, at the United Methodist Church, Reverend Collins united in marriage Harold Richard Carr and Marilyn Joan Kail.

Harold graduated from Butler High School in 1954. He worked in Tool & Die at Universal Tool and Stamping 12 years and at Rieke Corporation for 31 years.

Marilyn graduated from McIntosh High School in 1953 at Auburn, Indiana, and from the St. Joseph School of Nursing in 1956 at Fort Wayne. She retired from Rieke Corporation after 17 years of service.

Harold and Marilyn had seven children: James William (born 06 March 1956), Alicia Raynee (born 25 July 1958), Ann Marie (born 01 February 1960), Susan Elaine (born 12 December 1961), Jennifer

Photo is of the:

Harold and Marilyn Kail Carr family

Harold and Marilyn Kail Family

Lynn (born 18 May 1963), Nancy Jo (born 27 August 1964), and Richard Alan (born 07 December 1965).

Marilyn and Harold have lived at the same home at 215 Worth Road for 40 years.

Submitted by Marilyn Carr

Carl Lee Casebere and Donna Jean Myers

Carl Lee Casebere was born in the Sacred Heart Hospital in Garrett, Indiana on 25 June 1937. His parents, Harold Ransom and Gertrude Eloise (Varner) Casebere, were on their way back to Indiana from Texas when Carl decided it was time to be a part of this world.

Carl grew up on the family farm in Stafford Township and in the house built in 1899 by his great grandfather Solomon S. Casebere. Carl and his wife, Donna Jean (Myers) moved into this same house after their marriage on 03 June 1962 and live there yet today.

She is the only daughter of Donald Ralph Myers and Melba Adelaide (Burns) Myers, who lived in Grant Township. .

Carl went to school the first eight grades at Lyons one room school in Stafford Township, the same school his father attended, and graduated high school at Butler High School. His favorite subjects in school were agriculture and music. After graduation, Carl joined the United States Air Force along with a few of his buddies, and was sent to Lackland AFB, San Antonio, Texas for his basic training, then to Shepherd AFB, Witchita Falls, Texas for special training in airplane mechanics. When he graduated from that school, he was a Crew Chief and was sent to Charleston AFB in South Carolina where he spent the next four years. While there, he met and made lasting friendships with some of the local farm boys.

Carl has worked for Butler employers including Universal tool and Hendricksons before joining the Air Force. After his honorable discharge from the Air Force in 1960, he was employed by B.F. Goodrich Tire Company in Woodburn. He began in the receiving department when the factory was under construction and when he retired in 1987, he was a member of the quality control team.

After retirement at such a young age, he spent seven years as a driver for TriState Expeditors out of Ohio. He also worked as a security guard at the Steel Dynamics Plant. Presently, he is working for the DeKalb County Council on Aging, as a transportation provider for the elderly and handicapped.

Carl has always been an active member of the Butler Church of Christ and is always willing to discuss his belief in Jesus Christ with those who will listen. He and Donna raised two daughters to be strong in the Church and to love their fellow man. The daughters are Sarah Louise, born 08 June 1964 and who married Ben Dempsey of Auburn in 1985. They have two daughters, Elizabeth Kate and Paige Madison and live in Harlan, Indiana. Carl and Donna's other daughter is Maribeth Princess, who was born 16 July 1968 and married Jon Cordova of Monroeville, Indiana on 11 September 1993. They have a son, Joseph Dean, and a daughter, Kate Louise, and live outside Butler on County Road 63.

Carl knows no stranger and is recognized by many people in DeKalb County, with whom he can find a lot to talk about.

Submitted by Carl and Donna Casebere

Homer Lee Casebere

Homer Lee Casebere was born 27 July 1887, in Butler, DeKalb County, son of Solomon S. and Florence (Dunkle) Casebere. He married Princess Cecelia Thomas, 04 February 1909, daughter of Frederick Arthur and Blanche (Gates) Thomas. She was born 29 April 1889. Homer was a farmer in Stafford Township for many years. The name of his farm was Just-A-Mere Farm, containing over 150 acres. He had a grove of maple trees on his farm, and made and sold maple syrup for many years.

After retiring from farming, Homer sold farm implements for several years. At one time, he was a member of the Arctic Shipping Association of Arctic, was secretary of the Hobb Threshing Company, and a stockholder in the Hamilton National Bank of Fort Wayne. He was a member of the Grange and was a Republican in politics. He was an elder and a Sunday school teacher in several churches of Christ, both in Indiana and in Florida.

Homer and Princess bought some acreage and moved to Harlingen, Texas, for a short period of time, but returned to their home near Butler. They wintered at Bradenton, Florida, for about ten years.

Princess was a multi-talented person. She played the piano with unusual expressiveness. She played for many weddings and funerals. She served as pianist for the Butler Church of Christ for about fifteen years. Her music brought comfort, solace, and cheer to the hearers.

Princess was also a gracious hostess, and her home exhibited warmth and hospitality to family, friends, and visitors. She crocheted beautiful doilies, and edgings for pillow cases. She raised canaries for many years, so her home was also filled with the beautiful musical notes of her birds.

Princess lived an exemplary Christian life, and was faithful to her Lord until her death.

The children of Homer and Princess Casebere are: (1) Mable LuReign, born 01 October 1911, who married Floyd Ferman Myers; (2) Harold Ransom, born 31 May 1914, who married Gertrude Varner; and (3) Rachel Mary, born 22 January 1916, who married Theron J. Imhoff.

Homer died 30 April 1968, in Bradenton, Florida. Princess died 05 December 1946, in Dothan, Alabama, in an auto accident while on their way to Florida. Homer and Princess are buried in Riverview Cemetery at Newville.

Submitted by June Brown

Cherry's of DeKalb County

Henry William Cherry was born 06 May 1798 in Huron County, Ohio (then Canada). With his wife Harriet Stone, who was born in 1802 in Vermont, Henry in DeKalb County, Indiana, in the early 1840's. On his tombstone in Butler Cemetery, "Rev." is before his name, Henry William.

Records indicate he was a minister from the Freewill Baptist Church along with an ordained son by the name of Rev. Honeyman Cherry. Honeyman Cherry at or soon after 1842, arrived in Indiana and became a circuit rider for the United Brethren Church. Henry purchased land south of Butler, Indiana, now occupied by a recently built mobile home park.

The Cherry family can be traced back through Huron County, Ohio, to Sussex County, New Jersey, and Connecticut then back to the 1600's, England and then from Normandy France, "Normans."

DeKalb County census reveals Henry with seven children, three may have been with a prior wife (see birth dates): *William Noble 1824, Edsel 1826, Honeyman 1828, Henry C.1841, Mary Jane 1842, Herilda 1845, Hiram 1845.*

The Rev. Henry with Harnet Cherry along with Rev. Honeyman Cherry, are buried at the east end of the Butler Cemetery.

A portion of the *Rude Diary: 1864 (Eckhart Library, by Smith)* follows.

Wednesday Feb 10 today we was sawing Harris was here to day on a visit this has been a pleasant day and the Sap run some to night Tom rude and Jane Abbott and Mr. Bullard and Miss Bullard come here from the Jackson Prairie (two miles south of Orland In) and Tom and I and Mr. Bullard went down to town we walked thare and back and now we are home again and it is most bed time.

Tuesday, March 15 Today has been quite a cold day and it is most like winter. I have not been doing much to day. Father was sowing clover seed I was down to town and at the Cooper Shop I got a letter from Uncle George Baldwin and I all so got his Photograph. Mary and Louisa was up to Noble Cherries (Cherry) a most all day to night it is quite cold. (note: Noble has back injury, and had been discharged from 144th Army, 1 ½ year prior.)

Sunday, March 20 This has been a very cold day it is the coldest weather that I ever saw for the time of year. Uncle Crandle and Aunt Mary left this morning in our Wagon they broke their wagon down so they will have to fix it. I did not go to church to day for it was so cold and rough Noble Cherry and Joseph Lewis and Benton beard was here to day to night we went to meeting but the preacher did not come Sunday, April 24 This has been a very rainy day the ground is very wet and the big run is very high it has rained all day. Noble Cherry and Joseph Lewis was at Fathers to day and they had a prayer meeting I have been at home all day. I have not felt very well I have bee I was writeing some letters Frank Philips is her to night we have got a sick Cow

Wednesday, May 4 This morning Father went to find some lumber for out house and he got some about 11 miles form here. we was plowing to day and we hauled out some dung and some stone. Mother is up to Cherries (Cherry) to day. Louisa was at school. it has been quite warm to day I have had some pain in my side to day and I could not do much. I was working some in the garden. Frank Found and Indian ornament to day wile plowing. it is silver and it is quite nice. it is round like the sun. it has got holes cut through it. it was worn on a belt it may have lain there for years.

Wednesday, December 14 It was quite cold this morning Emily went to school. I was makeing a hed (head) and dasher to a churn this morning till noon I was choping some wood this afternoon. to night Harriet Cherry is here with Emily they are now out playing with the sled. I have to go and tharash to morrow for George Zeigler.

William Noble Cherry from Ohio, and Mary Jane Hubble, born in Newberg (Cleveland) Ohio in 1845, married and took up residence on the southeast acreage of the much larger Jason Hubble farm. The couple produced six children on a well-kept farm northwest of Butler, Indiana. The children are: William Jason 1845, Robert Emmit 1847, Harriet Marie 1853, Henry Randall 1855, Albert Clifford 1858.

Noble William Cherry and his oldest son, William Jason Cherry, joined the 144th Indiana Army of the Republic in 1861 and marched off to war. William Jason Cherry lost his fight for life 15 March 1862, the day after the battle of Fort Donaldson in the Civil War, at the tender age of 17 years 22 days. Noble was released from the Army after six months of duty, later to draw a pension of $12 per month for a back injury.

Noble Cherry is buried under a large stone monument in the mid section of the Butler Cemetery; Mary may be buried in the Butler Cemetery near her brother Orson.

Albert Clifford Cherry married Anna Delight Squires 16 December 1869. They celebrated 63 years of marriage. They passed on a little over three months from each other. Albert passed away 30 November 1943 age 85. Anna died 08 March 1944 age 83.

Albert and Anna Cherry's children were: Walter Rufus 1880, Minnie Eva 1883, Jason Francis 1891, Mary Leondona 1897, Glenn Albert 1901.

Jason Francis Cherry married "the girl over the fence on an adjoining farm" Lillian Irene Draggoo and children followed: Frances Irene 1900, Thelma Iola 1910, Virginia 1911, Richard Lyle 1914, Hilda Lavone 1916, Marjorie Annabell 1918.

Jason and Lillian are buried in the Waterloo Cemetery, Waterloo, Indiana.

Richard "Dick" Cherry married Virginia Moughler and had a daughter, Sonia.

When some time had passed, after the death of Virginia in 1979, Dick was introduced to Hilda de Blois of Massachusetts while visiting relatives in the Tampa, Florida area.

Dick brought Hilda to his Waterloo home to visit right after both vacationed in Florida. She never left, and they married 25 April 1981. Hilda passed away in 1999.

Richard "Dick" Cherry passed away 15 February 2005 at the age of 91, taking with him the last of this "Cherry" tree branch that arrived in the 1840's. All three are buried in the Woodlawn cemetery in Auburn, Indiana.

Submitted by Ralph Campbell

Reggie La Mar Chorpenning and Cindy O'Elen Wilson

Reggie LaMar Chorpenning was born in Auburn on 03 February 1947, daughter of Jack LaMar and Gwendolyn Jenkins Chorpenning. His paternal grandparents were Clayton and Aruleen (Van Zile) Chorpenning. His maternal grandparents, Kenneth and Alma Jenkins of St. Joe, died when Gwen was three. Gwen was reared by her paternal grandmother, Edna Jenkins in St. Joe.

Cindy O'Elen Wilson was born in Auburn on 24 January 1948, daughter of Richard Keith and Helen (Olds) Wilson. Her paternal grandparents were John Hubert and Esta (Keller) Wilson. Her maternal grandparents were James Ernest and Clarissa (Poper) Olds.

Reg and Cindy married 18 May 1968 in the Butler Church of Christ by Brother Larry Beard.

Cindy O'Elen Wilson and Reggie La Mar Chorpenning

Dr. Chorpenning graduated from Hamilton High School in 1965, and the National College of Chiropractics in Lombard, Illinois, in 1971, when he established his office in Sturgis, Michigan, and continues to practice there.

Cindy Chorpenning graduated from Eastside High School in 1966. Cindy was a Nuclear Medicine and Ultra Sound Aid at the Sturgis Hospital. She now works in Group Medical Services for the Sturgis Hospital.

Reggie Chorpenning has one sister, Corinne (Chorpenning) DeWire, Hamilton, Indiana.

The Chorpennings are active in civic affairs and sports for the youth. Dr. Chorpenning is Past Exalted Ruler for the Elks, having supported their many beneficial programs.

Reg and Cindy Chorpenning live in Sturgis, Michigan, and are the parents of two sons: Jason LaMar and Ryan Keith.

Jason LaMar was born 12 November 1971 in Auburn, Indiana. He graduated from Sturgis High School and attended Central College in Mt. Pleasant, Michigan and Health Enrichment Therapy Center. He married Chris Furtado on 07 September 2002 in Sturgis, Michigan. They have two sons, Rick of Orlando, Florida, and Matt at Sturgis High School.

Chris is a manager and salesperson for Memory Lanes located in Sturgis, Michigan. Jason is in Human Resources for Crest Homes in Middlebury, Indiana. They reside in Sturgis, Michigan.

Ryan Keith was born 24 December 1974 in Sturgis, Michigan. He is a graduate of Sturgis High School, Sturgis, Michigan, and Michigan State, East Lansing, Michigan. At Michigan State, he earned his Master's Degree in K-12 Educational Administration in 2004. He married Robyn Curnow on 21 June 1997 in Sturgis, Michigan. Ryan teaches in the Lansing Public School System. Robyn is employed by Sundance Jewelry, East Lansing, Michigan. They have two children: Mason Keith, born 04 May 2002 and Molly Kay, born 22 April 2003 in East Lansing, Michigan where the Chorpenning Family resides.

Submitted by Helen Wilson

Ray Clarke Cobler

Ray Clarke Cobler (b. 29 September 1912), son of John Washington Cobler and Esther Mary (Clarke) Cobler and Vivian Marie

Murphy (b. 14 February 1914), daughter of Charley Murphy and Catherine Elizabeth (Kees) Murphy married in 1940 at St. Joe, Indiana.

They resided with John and Esther Cobler. Ray had graduated from Auburn High School and Vivian graduated from St. Joe High School. Ray helped his dad with the farming and Vivian was a homemaker. After the death of John and Esther, the farm was sold and Ray and Vivian had a house built in Auburn on Iwo Street. They managed a filling station in Garrett, and later both worked at and retired from Essex Wire in Auburn.

They were the parents of Catherine Esther Cobler Armstrong and John Charles Cobler. John and his wife, Onda live at Jimmerson Lake and Catherine and her husband (Bill) reside in Auburn. John is retired from Dana and Catherine is planning to retire in 2007 after 41 years of teaching elementary school.

They enjoyed their retirement years at their cottage at Jimmerson Lake. Ray passed away in 1994 after three years of kidney dialysis. Vivian died in 2004 at the age of 90.

Ray and Vivian were the grandparents of 5 and the great grandparents of 12. They are buried in the Woodlawn Cemetery.

Submitted by Catherine Armstrong

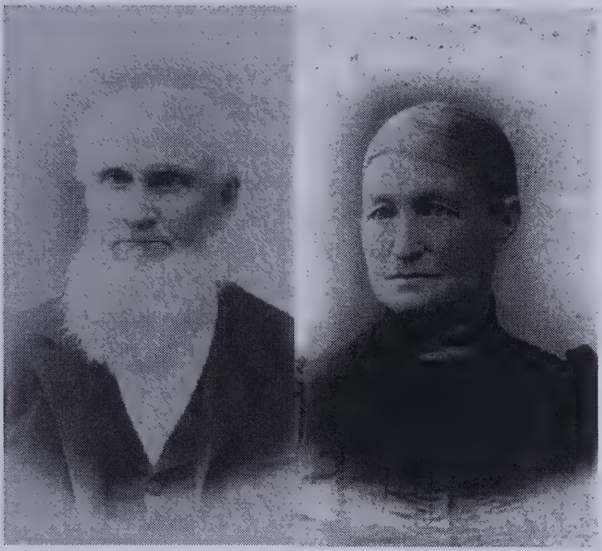
John W. Copeland

John W. Copeland was born in Columbiana County, Ohio, 14 September 1835, the son of Patterson and Susan (Lindersmith) Copeland. Patterson was born in Pennsylvania in 1803 and died September 1875. Susanna was born 04 July 1807 and died 30 August 1886.

On 27 May 1864, in the evening at Altoona Pass, Georgia, Mr. Copeland was shot evidently by a sharp shooter and fell. It was believed, he was mortally wounded, the ball cutting through his suspender entering the flesh at the side of the right nipple and passing entirely through the body penetrating the lung. For several hours he lay upon the field before given attention, and upon examination then by army surgeons was told he but a brief time to live and asked of any word he might desire sent home. Mr. Copeland however spurned the thought of death, telling the physician to do his duty and he would recover. The surgeon took a tamping rod from a gun, placed a silk handkerchief on the end and pushed through the wound, until the handkerchief went all the way through. The physician took a hold of it and moved it back and forth, cleaning the lead out of the wound. John recovered, and while not seeing active service after, came home with his company comrades at the close of the war.

His brother, William K. Copeland, also a veteran of the Civil War came to DeKalb County, Indiana. John came many times to DeKalb County, visiting with his brother and his many cousins, nieces and nephews. He would stay for weeks at a time. He never married and died 27 December 1916. He is in the below picture, holding his suspenders.

Submitted by Jim Wells



William King Copeland
Mary McCafferty Culbertson Copeland

William King Copeland and Mary McCafferty

William King Copeland was born 30 March 1839 in Columbiana County, Ohio. His parents were Patterson Copeland and Susannah Lindesmith. His maternal grandparents were Daniel Lindesmith, a soldier of 1812, and Elizabeth Weimer. His maternal great grandparents were Joseph Lindesmith, a Revolutionary War Soldier and Ann Bauman. His paternal grandparents were Joshua and Susannah Copeland. His siblings were: Margaret "Maggie", Susan B., Thomas, Joseph, Harriet/Henrietta, Isabel, Hannah, James Joshua, John W. (a Civil War soldier), Mary L., Catherine/Mary C., George Frease, Jennie E./Elizabeth.

William married Mary McCafferty Culbertson 18 February 1866 at Bryan, Ohio. Mary was born 08 July 1839 in Papertown, Pennsylvania, and was the daughter of Benjamin and Jane/Susan McCafferty and widow of William Culbertson, who died in the Civil War.

They lived at Bryan, Ohio about fifteen years. About 1880, they moved to two miles west and one mile south of Butler and finally to Waterloo in 1900. They had seven children: George Burton Copeland b. 25 April 1867 d. 1973; Harry Copeland b. 29 January 1869 died in Colorado; Howard Wesley Copeland b. 23 November 1871; James Orrin Copeland b. 19 December 1874 d. 13 November 1961; Margaret Bell Copeland b. 19 December 1874 d. 09 October 1877; Susan Wilmetta Copeland Hanes b. 30 April 1882 Butler d. 23 September 1937 Waterloo; Jane "Jenny" Edith Copeland b. October 1884.

Mary was well loved by her friends and family. She and William were members of the Reformed Church and then the Presbyterian Church. Mary died of heart failure on 14 August 1922.

William was a private in Company C. 14th Vol. Inf. and Co. C. 100th Reg't OVI 2nd Brigade 3d Div 23d Corps Army of Ohio. He was a good farmer. He put advertisements in the paper selling Buff Plymouth Rock chickens and there was an article talking about how huge a hog was that he sold someone. It was 680 pounds. When they moved from Butler to live at Waterloo, they had an auction. It mentions some of the items which included a Deering mower, corn cultivator, drag, plow, bob sled, corn marker, grain drill, wagon, hay rack, fanning mill, hay rake, harness, hay fork, rope and pulleys, 8 stands of Italian bees, live stock, 2 brood sows and pigs, 17 head of stock ewes, lamb, milk cow, five year old grade durham, grey mare, 8 year old with foal purchase to pay for service of horse, black mare 1-year-old, colt 6 months old, and other articles too numerous to mention. He was a member of Post 52 Grand Army of the Republic (G.A.R.) after transferring his membership from the Butler Post. He went to numerous G. A. R. encampments.

On 13 September 1911, he was driving his horse in a light wagon when his hat flew off and scared the horse. He fell out and was run over by the wagon. When picked up, it was found that he was injured about the head in such a way as to cause paralysis. He died 15 September 1911 in Waterloo, Indiana.

Submitted by Roselyn Wells

Walter Dallas Creager

Walter Dallas Creager, born 20 September 1889, at Whitley County, Indiana, the son of John Henry Creager and Amanda (Ream) Creager. Mr. Creager's paternal grandparents were Christian Creager, born 16 August 1821, and Susana (Obenchain) Creager and his paternal great grandparents were Peter Creager, born 1777, and Elizabeth Creager, born 1789. He attended the Whitley Township Schools and was later employed by the W. H. McIntyre Company at Auburn, commuting from Whitley County weekly via the Eel River Railroad.

In 1911 he married Exie Floss Mollenhour at Mentone, Indiana. Mrs. Creager was born 15 May 1889, near Mentone, Indiana, to Hiram Mollenhour and Nettie (Thompson) Mollenhour. Mr. and Mrs. Mollenhour were farmers.

Mr. and Mrs. Creager lived at Columbia City briefly and in 1911 moved to Kendallville, where he was partner with Harold Greenwood in an automotive garage and livery under the name of Greenwood and Creager. During that time, Gene Stratton Porter, the noted nature author stored her car at their garage, and Mr. Creager acted as her chauffeur. After a fire, the partnership was dissolved and Mr. and Mrs. Creager moved to Butler, Indiana, where Mr. Creager was associated with his father, John Henry Creager, in a Ford Agency. This business was sold in about 1923, and Mr. Creager was then employed by the Standard Oil Company, selling industrial products. He was later associated with Maxton Motors, and held the Pontiac franchise for some time. He was known as an excellent mechanic and was interested in automobiles and racing throughout his life.

Mrs. Creager was a housewife and was known as an excellent cook and seamstress. She made numerous hooked rugs, which are now treasured by her family. Both Mr. and Mrs. Creager were active in the Methodist Church at Butler.

Mr. and Mrs. Creager were the parents of a daughter, Kathleen Ruth Creager, who was born 16 December 1912. She married Walter Melvin Smith on 22 August 1937.

Mr. Creager died 16 September 1941. After his untimely death, Mrs. Creager made her home with her daughter and son-in-law and assisted in the raising of three grandchildren: John Martin Smith, Julie Ann (Smith) Hutter, and Charles Walter Smith.

After the death of her daughter, Kathleen Ruth (Creager) Smith in 1981, Mrs. Creager lived at a retirement home at Centreville, Michigan, where her grandson, Charles Walter Smith, served as minister. Mrs. Creager died at Three Rivers, Michigan, on 28 December 1982. Both Mr. and Mrs. Creager are buried at the Butler Cemetery.

Submitted by John Martin Smith

Carol Ann Keller Cumings

Carol Ann Keller was born 31 October 1939 southwest of Butler. Her parents were Floyd Herbert Keller and Mildred Kathryn Rohm. Her maternal grandfather, Ezra Rohm, was born 02 July 1873 in Smithfield Township and died 29 March 1948 in Grant Township. Her maternal grandmother, Amelia Walker, was born 05 August 1871 in Stark County, Ohio, and died 26 October 1952. Her paternal grandfather, James

"Albert" Keller, was born 13 April 1883 and died 20 July 1963. Her paternal grandmother, Letha Mildred Smith, was born 13 September 1886 and died 14 February 1957.

Carol attended one room school houses. They included both Stafford Center School and Lyon's School. She graduated from Butler High School in 1957. On their senior trip, they traveled to Washington D.C. and New York City. She enjoyed going to Court Theatre in Auburn with family and friends. The popular movies playing starred Roy Rogers and Gene Autrey. While in high school, Carol babysat and also worked at Humphrey's IGA, a grocery store in Butler.

When she was a child and teen, her family enjoyed going to Pokagon and different lakes for fireworks and picnics. Carol's mother enjoyed having her family around her and had huge family dinners usually on Sunday.

Carol married first Donald Raymond Cumings 17 January 1959. They divorced 06 May 1966. Donald was born 13 August 1937. Carol second marriage was to James Frederick Arnott on 29 May 1969 in Waterloo, Indiana. They divorced in 1973.

Carol and Donald Raymond Cumings had three children: Susan Marie was born 27 November 1959. She married Terry Boss; Sindy Lee was born 12 May 1961. She married Jerald Rawson; Lori Ann was born 06 June 1963. Lori Ann was married the first time to Michael Harvey in October 1984. They divorced in October 1985. Lori Ann's second marriage was to Jody Everett Shaw 14 February 1998. Jody was born 01 October 1969.

In her adult life, Carol has worked many jobs. She worked as a Bell Telephone operator in Fort Wayne, transferring January 1959 to Bell Telephone located in Auburn. She next worked at Syncro Tech. of Edgerton, Ohio making capacitors for televisions and radios and a glass factory in Fort Wayne. She also worked for Edgerton Metals and transferred to Hicksville Metals, a branch of Edgerton Metals. After working for Reike Corporation for 31 years, she retired. After retiring from Reike's, she worked for Wal-Mart four years.

She enjoys sitting and relaxing. Also a favorite is being around her family, especially her grandchildren. Some of her hobbies are going to garage sales, shopping and attending flea markets. She travels to Michigan a lot to be with her family and when she is home, she and her friends like to check out the local restaurants.

Submitted by Carol Cumings

Marsha Jane (Boger) Cunningham

Marsha graduated from DeKalb High School in 1988. She attended International Business College in Fort Wayne in 1988/1989. She worked at CBT Credit Bureau in Fort Wayne from 1990 to 1997. She worked at Blackburn and Green Attorney's office from 1997 to 2003 in Human Resources.

Marsha married Neal Ryan Cunningham (from Leo) in June 1993. Neal's parents are Richard and Sylvia Cunningham of Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Marsha and Neal currently reside in Fort Wayne, Indiana and have two daughters, Mackenzie Lauren (b. 24 November 2000) and Avery Elisabeth (b. 05 February 2003). Marsha is a stay at home mother. Neal works for International Truck and Engine in Melrose Park, Illinois. The Cunningham family will be relocating to the Chicago area in mid 2006.

Submitted by Carolyn E. Trammel

William Jacob Cuppy

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"Will" was born 23 August 1884 and died 19 September 1949 in Auburn. He was an American humorist and journalist known for his satirical books about nature and historical figures. His father, Thomas Jefferson Cuppy (1844-1912), was at different times a grain dealer, a seller of farm implements and a lumber buyer for the Eel River branch of the Wabash Railroad. His mother, Frances Stahl Cuppy (1855-1927), was a seamstress and worked in a small shop located next to the family home. Young Cuppy spent summers at a farm belonging to his grandmother, Sarah Collins Cuppy (1813-1900), on the banks of the Eel River near South Whitley, where he said he acquired his early knowledge of the natural world that he satirized in his writings.

Cuppy graduated from Auburn High School in 1902 and went on to the University of Chicago where he received a BA in philosophy in 1907. In College he acted in amateur theater and worked as campus reporter for several Chicago newspapers, notably the *Record-Herald* and the *Daily News*. He lingered at Chicago seven more years as a graduate student in English literature, not showing much interest in his studies, but producing in 1910 his first book, *Maroon Tales*, a collection of short stories about university life. In 1914 he pulled together a short master's thesis took his degree and left for New York to seek a journalism career.

After stateside service in WWI as a 2nd Lieutenant in the U.S. Army Motor Transport Corps, Cuppy began contributing book reviews to the *New York Herald Tribune* where his college friend Burton Rascoe (1892-1957) was literary editor. In 1926 he began writing a weekly "Mystery and Adventure" column for the paper that continued until his death 23 years later, reviewing a career total of more than 4000 titles.

Seeking refuge from city noise and hay fever, Cuppy lived as a hermit from 1921 to 1929 in a shack on Jones Island, just off Long Island's south shore. The literary result of Cuppy's seaside exile was *How to be a Hermit*, a humorous look at home economics that went through six printings in four months when it appeared in 1929. The book's subtitle, *A Bachelor Keeps House*, reflects the fact that Cuppy never married.

Encroachment by the new Jones Beach State Park forced Cuppy to abandon full-time residence on the island and return to New York's noise and soot. A special dispensation from New York's parks czar Robert Moses (1888-1981) let Cuppy keep his shack, to which Cuppy made regular visits until the end of his life.

In a Greenwich Village apartment, Cuppy continued to turn out magazine articles and books, always working from notes jotted on 3x5-inch index cards. Cuppy would amass hundreds of cards even for a short article. His friend and literary executor, Fred Feldkamp (1914-1981) reported that Cuppy sometimes read more than 25 thick books on a subject before he wrote a single word about it.

Writing funny but factual magazine articles was Cuppy's real talent. He enjoyed a brief success in 1933 with a humorous talk show on NBC radio, but he flopped on the lecture circuit. Basically shy and introverted, Cuppy was happiest when he was rummaging through scholarly journals prizing out facts to copy out on his note cards.

Many of Cuppy's articles for *The New Yorker* and other magazines later became books: *How to Tell Your Friends from the Apes* (1931); and *How to Become Extinct* (1941). Cuppy also edited three collections of mystery stories: *World's Great Mystery Stories* (1943); *World's Great Detective Stories* (1943); and *Murder Without Tears* (1946). His last animal book, *How to Attract the Wombat*, appeared two months after his death in 1949.

Cuppy's best-known work, a satire on history called *The Decline and Fall of Practically Everybody*, was unfinished when he died. It was completed by Fred Feldkamp, who sifted through nearly 15,000 of Cuppy's carefully-filed note cards to get the book into print within a year of his friend's death. Feldkamp also edited a second posthumous volume, a comic almanac titled *How to Get from January to December* that appeared in 1951.

Cuppy's last years were marked by poor physical health and increasing depression. Threatened with eviction from his apartment, he took an overdose of sleeping pills and died 19 September 1949, at St. Vincent's Hospital. Cuppy's cremated remains were returned to his hometown and buried in a grave next to his mother's in Evergreen Cemetery. His grave was unmarked until 1985 when local donors purchased a granite headstone with the inscription, "American Humorist." In 2003 Cuppy received another memorial when a committee of the International Astronomical Union approved the name “15017 Cuppy" for an asteroid.

Although Cuppy was reclusive and cultivated the image of a curmudgeon, he had many friends in New York's literary circles. One of them was the poet William Rose Benet (1886-1950), who penned this remembrance of him: "He had the haunted look of the true humorist. All his friends loved him."

Submitted by Mike Walter

John G Dancer and Marcabett “Margaret” Boyce

John G Dancer was born 26 April 1802 in Washington County, Pennsylvania. He was the son of John and Elizabeth (Goldsmith) Dancer, both of which were born in Pennsylvania. John was born 01 August 1779 and Elizabeth was born 11 May 1784. John’s father was born in North Marsden, Bucks, England, on 09 August 1751. John died 16 April 1859 and Elizabeth died 02 August 1860, both are buried in the Old Auburn Cemetery.

John G. married Marcabett Boyce on 10 July 1823 in Jefferson County, Ohio. Marcabett (Margaret) was born 04 April 1802 in Washington County, New York.

After their marriage, they moved to Ashland County, Ohio, where all nine of their children was born. Their children are as follows: 1) William, born 28 April 1824, he married Julia Poag 08 November 1849 in DeKalb County. William was one of the early Doctors in Auburn. According to the 1914 History of DeKalb County, “prior to 1856 Doctors J. H. Ford, W. B. Dancer, Hendricks, and J. N. Chamberlain; all of these four had more than ordinary ability; they were energetic, quick of perception and exercised superior judgment in their profession”. He died 30 October 1853 and Julia died 17 March 1876. 2) Elijah born about 1826 and died 09 January 1848 in Ashland County, Ohio. 3) Elizabeth born 30 August 1828 married John Duncan and after his death she married William Essig in 1852 in DeKalb County, Indiana, William died 19 August 1877 and she died 07 February 1896, both are buried in Evergreen Cemetery. 4) John, born 06 October 1830, married Isabelle Hodges, 14 October 1860 in South Milford, LaGrange County. Isabelle was the daughter of Nelson and Mary (Long) Hodges early settlers in LaGrange County, Indiana. John was one of the early Doctors in LaGrange County. LaGrange County History of 1882 states "Dr John Dancer appeared in August 1855 in Milford Township and has remained practicing in the village and surrounding country. He is one of the substantial men of the place". He died 22 October 1896 and his wife died 13 March 1913, both are buried in South Milford, Indiana. 5) Mary born about 1832, she married George Moore. 6) Elias F. born about 1836 and he married Tabitha E. Ater in Vermillion County, Illinois. Elias died in 09 January 1863 in Nashville, Tennessee. He was a Sergeant in the Union Army. 7) Sarah Ann born about 1838 and married Theodore Shepherd. 8) Wilson S. born 09 October 1842, he married Nora A. Rowley 01 January 1865. She died 01 July 1878 and he then married Mary E. Cool on 11 March 1880. She was born 18 August 1855 and died 01 May 1908. Wilson stayed on the family farm in Jackson Township, which is now part of Auburn) James was born 08 May 1844 and died in DeKalb County 10 July 1850.

John G. and his family moved to DeKalb County in 1848 and they kept the old Parson Hotel in Auburn the first year and then purchased 240 acres of heavily timbered land in Jackson Township. John was a man of strict integrity, highly intellectual and a prominent citizen of the county. His legacy left a big impact on the county and northeast Indiana with two early doctors. According to DeKalb County History he was one of the first assessors; "FIRST OFFICERS Prior to 1860, the justices of the peace were: William Means, John C. Hursh, A. D. Goetschius, Henry Brown and Jacob Maurer. The constables were: William R. Moore, William McNabb, Benjamin Bailey, Frank Bailey, David Mathews, S. Geisinger, Thomas Wyatt, Willis Bishop, William Beatty, A. H. Flutter, John Carper, Burton Brown and John McClelland. Trustees were: Oliver Shroeder, Aaron Osborn, A. D. Goetschius, James Moore, Israel Shearer, Christian Sheets, Samuel Tarney, Joseph Walters, Isaac Fiandt, Peter Shafer, James Woolsey, David Henderson, Elias Zimmerman, Abraham Johnson and James McClelland. The assessors were John G. Dancer, Joseph Walters and Alexander Provines."

John G. died 20 July 1873 and Marcabett (Margaret) died 29 April 1869. Both are buried in the Old Auburn Cemetery.

Submitted by David O. Deetz

Kelso T. Davis and Margaret E. Henninger

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Kelso T. Davis, son of Charles and Nellie Shugart Davis was born 22 February 1907, in Marion, Indiana and Margaret E. Henninger, daughter of Carl and Lillian Kurz Henninger, was born 06 October 1913, in Peru Indiana.

Kelso met Margaret when he was working at Larimar Photography shop in Marion, and she was attending Marion College. They were married 16 June 1934 in Adrian, Michigan.

On 16 June 2000, they had been married 66 years. Kelso died 11 November 2000. Margaret still resides in their home on 5150 County Road 427 south of Auburn.

They have three daughters, Diane (Manon) born in 1943, Sherri (Sible) 1947, and Loraine (Hartranft) 1949, all born in Auburn. They have six grandchildren, Angie (May), Molly (Manon), John (Manon), Justin (Manon), Kelley (Hartranft) and Kayleen (Leonard) and two great grandchildren Katrina (May) and Cassidy (May).

Kelso attended Marion College and Photography School in Effingham, Illinois. He worked in photo studios in Richmond, Marion and Anderson, Indiana. From Anderson he and Margaret moved to Auburn, Indiana, in 1938, where they purchased the Jones Studio on 210 North Main Street. Later in 1947, the studio was moved to 410 South Main. After 60 years of having had the pleasure of working with the people of Auburn and the surrounding territory, the studio was closed in 1998.

During World War II, when Diane was just two months old, Kelso was drafted by the U.S. Army to work in a medical corps as an X-ray technician. Part of his tour of duty was served in Marseille France. The two years he was in the army, Margaret managed the studio. She took the portrait pictures, retouched negatives, took patrons orders etc. and cared for baby Diane.

Before the invention of color photography, the brown toned prints were hand colored by Margaret with transparent oil paints.

In 1939, Kelso joined the Auburn Rotary Club. He had a record of 44 years of perfect attendance and served as secretary for 22 years. The club honored him for his dedication by making him a Paul Harris Fellow. He served on the Auburn City Council several years, and was a member of the Chamber of Commerce.

In 1939, they joined the First United Methodist Church and have been faithful and active members.

Submitted by Margaret Davis

James Deetz and Emma Bair Wedding
Married: 08 October 1896

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James and Emma Bair Deetz

James Monroe Deetz came to DeKalb County from Holmes County, Ohio, around 1893. He was the son of Jacob and Matilda (Levengood) Deetz. He was born 18 March 1866 in Holmes County. After the death of his mother, 30 August 1872, he went to live with the Jacob Miller family and worked as a farmhand in Holmes County. His father died 30 September 1898. James married Emma Bair on 08 October 1896 in DeKalb County. Emma was the daughter of David and Rebecca Jane (Fortiny) Bair; she was born 11 July 1872 in Fairfield Township, DeKalb County.

James and Emma had four children: Lester Monroe born 15 August 1897; Orlo born 27 July 1899; Helen Wauneta born 11 November 1905 and Arthur Amos born 15 March 1910. Lester died in a swimming accident 20 July 1918. Orlo's history is included in this book. Helen married Paul Brenneman 29 September 1929. She died 11 April 1952 and Paul died 18 April 1991. Paul and Helen had four children: Dean, Marlene, Phylis and Doneta. Arthur was never married and died 15 June 1985.

In 1897, he united with the St John's Reformed Church south of Hudson, Indiana. He followed the profession of farming all of his life. In about 1909, he purchased a farm near Story Lake in which he improved and made a living for 30 years. His grandson recalls that the house was built on the side of a hill below a spring of fresh water. He installed some pipes and directed the water to flow through their house, creating running water in the house year round.

James died 16 September 1939 and Emma lived to see her first great-grandson, David born on 24 June 1946 and died 01 December 1946. Both are buried in Fairfield Cemetery along with their children.

Submitted by David O. Deetz

Martha Belle Eckert and Orlo Deetz

Orlo and Martha Deetz

Orlo Deetz was born, the second son, of James and Emma (Bair) Deetz on 27 July 1899, near Story Lake in Fairfield Township, DeKalb County, Indiana.

Orlo married Martha Belle Eckert on 21 August 1920 in Smithfield Township, DeKalb County. Martha was the daughter of William Oscar and Mary Mahala (Ringer) Eckert and was born 15 April 1901.

Orlo taught at the Shipe School in Fairfield Township for a few years after he attended Tri-State College. He then engaged in farming, which he did until his death. Orlo and Martha had one son, Oscar. Orlo and his son started with a small farm and a few dairy cows. Through hard work and good farming decisions, the farm grew to be one of the top Registered Holstein dairy farms in the state. When they started to farm, the work was done with the use of a pair of work horses (Prince and Nellie). The milking was done by hand and put in cans to sell. Eventually, tractors took over and they were able to increase the number of acres they farmed. Orlo never liked to be in debt, so when the new equipment could be paid for, it would be purchased. Large pieces of equipment would be purchased by a group of neighbors and they would then harvest the wheat or corn as a group. This would always put a lot of work on the women because they would always have to put a meal together to feed a large group of hungry farmers.

He always had interest in a good solid school system. He was Fairfield Township Trustee and Assessor for eight years, in politics he was a conservative Democrat. In the years that he was Trustee, the trustee oversaw the Township School. He always fought hard to maintain good local schools.

He was a Veteran of World War I and was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars post 86. He served as a Post Commander and organized several Memorial Day Services at Fairfield Cemetery, in which he served on the cemetery board for years. He and Martha were active in the St. Marks Lutheran Church in Auburn.

Martha was a good cook and always liked to put together large meals. She also was a very active person; she was a member of the DeKalb County Democrat Ladies Club. She was also active in the Fairfield Home Demonstration Club, Help and Be Helped Club and many others. She was devoted to her grandchildren and always willing to help a neighbor in need.

Martha died of cancer 02 July 1969. Orlo was killed in a tractor accident 09 March 1972. Both of the funerals were attended by many as a tribute to the lives they touched.

Submitted by David O. Deetz

Nancy Western Derrow and Donald Eugene Derrow

Donald Eugene Derrow and Nancy Western Derrow

Donald was born 22 March 1931 in Auburn, Indiana. His parents were James Earl and Ida Belle Kinsey Derrow. He has one brother, Robert Leroy, who lives in Wisconsin. Donald attended local schools and graduated from Auburn High School in

1949. He participated in all school sports and played on the basketball team that competed in the state finals in 1949. He attended Western Kentucky University for one year on a football scholarship. In 1951, during the Korean conflict, he joined the Marine Corps and participated in a NATO landing on Greece and a maneuver at Yucca Flats, Nevada, where he witnessed the aftermath of an atom bomb dropped 4 1/2 miles from his Marine unit.

Nancy was born 31 January 1931 in Auburn. Her parents were Harry James and Ethel Nimmons Western. Nancy had three siblings. Her sister, Lillian, died at age three years and her brother, Hugh, died in 1999. Her sister, Pollyanne, lives in Arizona. Nancy attended Auburn schools and graduated in 1949. She attended Illinois Wesleyan University for two years and then worked at City National Bank in Auburn and Peoples Bank in Fort Wayne. She and Donald were married on 30 March 1952 and lived at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina for two years.

After Donald's honorable discharge from the Marine Corps, the couple moved to Fort Wayne and then Bloomington, Indiana, where Donald earned a B.S. in chemistry. Donald then attended Indiana University Dental School, where he did research with Dr. Joseph Muehler, who developed Crest toothpaste for Proctor & Gamble Co. Donald graduated in 1961 and opened his dental practice in Auburn that August. He currently practices dentistry at 304 North Cedar St. Nancy spent the early years of their marriage raising four children. For the past twenty years, she has worked at Waanders' (now MJ's) Bookmark in Auburn. The couple has been active in their community and in Auburn Presbyterian Church.

Their four children are: Diane Susan, born 27 September 1954 in Fort Wayne; Alison, born 01 February 1958 in Bloomington; Claudia, born 26 March 1963 in Auburn; and Donald Stuart, born 14 June 1965 in Auburn. They have eight grandchildren.

Submitted by Nancy Derrow

Deter Family

The family name was also spelled Dieder and Dieter.

Hans Jerg Dieter, circa 700 arrived in Philadelphia on 30 September 1727 in the ship Molly from Rotterdam. He was the father of Johann Georg, born 09 March 1739. He married Maria Croft. They had seven children.

George Deter, the second child by George and Maria came to Richland Township, near Corunna, DeKalb County. He was born 22 February 1806 in Adams County, Pennsylvania, and died at his home near Corunna, Indiana, in 1864.

George married Elizabeth (Sanders, Bishop) a widow and mother of seven children. Elizabeth Sanders was born 10 December 1805 in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. She was married to William Bishop in 1831. They moved to a farm in Jackson Township in 1845. They were the parents of John, Fanny, Michael, Christina, Jacob, Eli and Elizabeth. William Bishop died 04 January 1846 leaving her a widow and he is buried at Tarney Graveyard. Elizabeth died 22 August 1891 at the age of 85 years. At the age of 17, she united with the Albright Church and 84 years later she united with the German Baptist Church of which she remained a faithful member until her death. She was a worthy woman and esteemed by all who knew her.

George took up 80 acres of land three miles southeast of Corunna. The land was mostly covered with timber. To get the land ready to farm meant a great deal of hard work and many hardships. The trees furnished lumber to build his house.

They were affiliated with the Brethren Church.

They were the parents of one child, Susanna Deter. She was born near Corunna, Indiana 10 March 1851.

George died 15 September 1866. George is buried in Sixteen Cemetery in Richland Township.

Susanna married Norris Friend 16 August 1874.

Submitted by Susanna Johnson

DAN. D. DIEHL,
Co. H., 88th Ind.

Daniel D. Diehl ca1900 and Siddie Diehl ca. 1892

Daniel D. Diehl

Daniel D. Diehl was born 25 January 1843 in Summit County, Ohio, fourth child of Isaac and Susannah (Daily) Diehl. When he was three months old, he moved with his family to the wilderness of DeKalb County, Indiana, where they settled in Stafford Township. He remained on the farm until 1861.

During the Civil War, he enlisted in Co. F, 44th Indiana Infantry in 1861, but was discharged due to ill health in 1862. After recovering, he enlisted again in Co. H, 88th Indiana Infantry where he served from 1862-1865 as a Private. Dan participated in the battles of Perryville, Stone River, Chickamauga, Lookout Mountain, Mission Ridge, Resaca, Peach Tree Creek, Kennesaw Mountain, Chattahoochee River, in all the battles near Atlanta, and in the decisive charge of Jonesboro. He marched with Sherman to the sea and through the Carolinas, and was in the last and bloody battle on Bentonville, North Carolina.

During the battle of Stone River, he was taken prisoner at Nolinsville, Tennessee, and exchanged the next day. Also, during his enlistment, he contracted 'Camp Diarrhea', which caused him to report absent often and suffer the rest of his life.

Following his discharge, Daniel married Salina Sydia Walters, daughter of Peter Walters, on 26 May 1867. 'Siddie' was born 08 March 1849 in Summit County, Ohio. They then moved with Dan's brother, William, to Tiskilwa, Bureau County, Illinois, where they lived from 1867-1869. They moved back to Stafford Township, DeKalb County, Indiana, from 1869-1876, when they moved into Butler.

In 1876, he became a charter member of the DeKalb Soldier's Association, a forerunner of the G.A.R. (Civil War veteran's group). He became an active leader in the Meade Post #44 of the G.A.R., serving as the Commanding Colonel there for several terms, and served on the State Monumental Commission, which selected designs for the Chickamauga battlefield monument in 1895. He was also in demand as a compelling speaker at G.A.R. events. Siddie was also an active participant in the Women's Relief Corps of the G.A.R. (Grand Army of the Republic).

As a trade, he worked as a tin and copper smith, railroad ticket agent, fire insurance agent, agriculture implement dealer, and salesman of books and stationery. During the Spanish-American War, Dan was a major recruiting voice in the Butler area.

Daniel and Siddie had four children, George Clayton, a successful businessman in Butler, never married, and was killed when struck by a train; Minnie, also never married, worked as a schoolteacher, bookkeeper at the Zimmerman Manufacturing Co. and stenographer for City National Bank in Auburn; Pauline (Lena) married Dr. Charles Haft and moved to Chicago, where she worked as a stenographer in an attorney's office until her divorce, when she moved back to Butler; and a child who died young.

Siddie died 04 July 1915 and Daniel died four years later on 17 October 1919. They are both buried in the Butler Cemetery and leave no descendants.

Submitted by Ralph O. Diehl

George Clayton Diehl

George Clayton Diehl was born 16 March 1868 in Bureau County, Illinois, eldest child of Daniel D. Diehl and Salina 'Siddie' Walters. At about one year of age, he moved with his parents back to DeKalb County, Indiana, where they had earlier resided.

Clayton, as he was better known, was a businessman who owned and managed several establishments in Butler, including 'The City Bakery', 'Diehl's Hotel Restaurant', and 'Diehl & Heffelfinger's', which sold tobacco, cigars, candy, canned goods, as well as baked goods, between 1896-1908.

Clayton was an inventor of some renown. He invented a self-cleaning generator in 1894, a lifting jack in 1896, and an incandescent light system, which he used in his restaurant. In 1902, he invented an arc light, which was patented. The 'Butler Arc Light Company' incorporated in 1902 and was very successful in manufacturing and selling machines for generating gas from gasoline for heating and lighting purposes. In a lawsuit, however, Clayton lost his right to his new invention to other corporate partners.

Clayton, who never married, was struck by a train and killed on the Lakeshore Railroad the night of 09 July 1908 in Butler. For years afterward, local town gossip continued about the questionable circumstances of his death. He was known to carry large amounts of cash, and none was found on him when his mangled body was found the following morning. Suspicion continued that the 40-year-old may have been beaten and robbed, and left on the tracks. The truth will never be known.

Clayton was laid to rest in the Butler Cemetery near his parents and sisters.

Submitted by Ralph O. Diehl

Isaac Diehl

Isaac Diehl was born 25 November 1812 in Adams County, Pennsylvania, third child of Jacob and Maria Elizabeth 'Polly' Diehl. His father died when he was but eleven years of age. His deceased father had earlier purchased land in Stark (later Summit) County, Ohio, and the family moved there in 1824.

Isaac was raised in Clinton, Ohio, and became an apprentice cooper (barrel maker). This industrious community helped ship goods up and down the newly opened Ohio Canal. He made barrel staves and took them by flat-boat to a market on the lower Ohio River, being gone long periods of time.

Isaac married Susannah Daily, oldest known daughter of Anthony Daily and Elizabeth Row, on 10 October 1835, in Stark County, Ohio. Susannah was born 26 October 1818, in Manchester, Summit County, Ohio.

Isaac pioneered westward to Section 07 of Stafford Township in DeKalb County, Indiana, in April or June, 1843, purchasing an original 80 acres from the government. He then cleared enough timber to build a log cabin out of Walnut logs. He moved his family here in 1844, before the Indians had been removed, and began clearing a farm. He came with little money, but soon had developed a fine farm and home.

In 1856, revival swept through the township under the preaching of Evangelist Charles Briggs. The entire Diehl family connected with the movement which brought over 60 new souls into the Big Run Church.

Isaac continued his cooper trade in Indiana, taking his merchandise by flatboat to Fort Wayne or Defiance, Ohio, for sale. However, his primary business was farming and raising stock. He discovered the first bee hive in DeKalb County in an old tree trunk and developed a large apiary, and was one of the first two to make bee culture a success in the county.

Isaac and Susannah had eleven children: Eliza married Richard Johnson and moved to Iowa; Ephraim mined gold and silver in California and Colorado, and married later in life to widow Ada Dohner; Sabrina died in infancy; Daniel D. was a Civil War veteran who married 'Siddie' Walters and lived in Butler; William Anthony served in the Civil War, married Anna Laramore and moved to Nebraska; Leander (Lee) was a Civil War drummer boy, married Edna Fry, and owned Diehl's Jewelry Store in Butler; Eunice married Stafford Township; Warren died in infancy; Isaac Marion married Susan Ramsey and lived his life on the family homestead. Two unidentified children were likely stillborns.

They also raised orphan Maggie (Herman) Sewell.

Isaac was a member of the Pioneers Association of DeKalb County and served as an officer in the new DeKalb Sabbath School Association. He was involved in local politics as a Republican.

Isaac died at his home from paralysis on 05 May 1888. Susannah died six years later on 11 May 1894. They are both buried in the Big Run Cemetery within sight of their home. They were genuine pioneers to the county.

Submitted by Ralph O. Diehl

Isaac Marion Diehl

Isaac Marion Diehl was born 29 Jun 1852 in Stafford Township, DeKalb County, son of Isaac Diehl and Susannah Daily. He spent his entire life as a farmer in that township, but spent 4 years (1873-1877) as a country schoolteacher in his early years. He graduated from Butler High School, quite an accomplishment for a farm boy in those days. He was active in the Republican party in DeKalb County, serving in the offices of Justice of the Peace (1894-1898) and DeKalb County Councilman (1907-1910), serving as chairman during the fund raising for the controversial present County Courthouse in Auburn, Indiana.

On 04 July 1874, Isaac married Susanna Ramsey, daughter of Philip Ramsey and Elizabeth Eberly. Susan was born 15 December 1855 near Strasburg, Tuscarawas County, Ohio. She moved to DeKalb County with her parents in 1863, as a child of eight.

Isaac and his family were members of the Big Run Church in Stafford Township,

Isaac M. and Susan Diehl family ca. 1895

where he was a song leader and superintendent of the Sunday school. He also served as Stafford Township Sunday School President, an organization of Sunday schools from various churches, including different denominations.

Isaac and Susan had five children: John Elmer, who married Hattie Riser and farmed in DeKalb, then Steuben County; Lola May, who died at one month of age; Oliver Benjamin, a Spanish-American War veteran, also known as O.B., who married Thema Krontz and worked first as a farmer and then at Messenger Corp.; James Garfield, who married Delana Dirrim, and was proprietor of Diehl's Jewelry Store in Butler; and Lawrence Leander, who married Maude Alma Mann and farmed on the family homestead in Stafford Township.

Early newspaper accounts show that Isaac was a productive farmer, at one point collecting 135 eggs on a single morning.

Although he survived an early throat surgery, Isaac died on 21 April 1914 of cancer of the throat. Following his death, Susan lived an additional 25 years, residing in a home in Butler. She died 29 January 1939 and is buried next to her husband at the Big Run Cemetery, east of Butler.

Isaac and Susan Diehl were examples of a hard working American farm family. They turned a pioneer farm into a first class farming establishment and entered the realm of politics, setting the pace for their descendants to follow.

Submitted by Ralph O. Diehl

James G. and Lana Diehl family ca. 1923

James Garfield Diehl

James Garfield Diehl was born 09 August 1880 in Stafford Township in DeKalb County, named for the Republican candidate for President at the time. His parents were Isaac M. and Susan (Ramsey) Diehl. He was raised on the family farm and graduated from Butler High School in 1900. Although small of stature, he played right end for the school's first football team.

His first job was in a wagon factory in Fort Wayne. He then worked for two years with a bridge gang on the New York Central railroad, at the end of which time he was a cook on a caboose. His small stature made such hard labor as bridge building intolerable.

In 1905, Mr. Diehl began his apprenticeship as a watchmaker under the guiding hand of his uncle, Leander Diehl. He was mechanically inclined and improvised many of the clock and watch making tools he used until his retirement after 52 years at Diehl's Jewelry Store in Butler. On 08 April 1918, Mr. Diehl purchased the business of his uncle, and successfully operated it until his retirement in 1955.

He married Hannah Delana Dirrim, daughter of Leonard H. and Mary Ann (Goudy) Dirrim. She was born in Steuben County, Indiana, on 09 August 1880. They resided at 513 East Main Street during their early years together, and then moved to 414 East Main Street in Butler the remainder of their lives. They had four children: Colista, who married Donald Gnagy, resided in Hamilton, Indiana, and was a school teacher; Leland James, who married Betty Showalter, and was first a mail carrier, then continued the Diehl's Jewelry Store in Butler; Marion, who married Evelyn Weikel, and worked at Fruehof's in Fort Wayne, and Wilbur, who married Joyce Cook and was a mail carrier in the City of Butler.

James and Lana joined the Butler Church of Christ about 1915 and were very active workers in the church. James held every office in the church except deacon. He was especially remembered as teaching Sunday school classes for 36 years.

As a hobby, James was involved in several fife and drum corps groups, which participated in national competitions across the country. In 1951, his Dokey fife and drum corps took first place in international competition at Toledo, Ohio. These musical groups participated in many parades in the City of Butler.

Although he was not overly active politically, he was elected to the school board in Butler. He had a passion for the early history of DeKalb County.

Jim loved to travel across the nation; however, Lana suffered from an ailment for many years that left her homebound. She finally died on 04 December 1955 after spending 22 weeks in a nursing home, part of that time in an iron lung.

James remarried Eva Parks, a widow and daughter of James and Malana (Colgate) Wiley, of Princeton, Indiana on 11 November 1956. She died 26 April 1959.

James died 28 June 1963. He and Lana are buried together in the Butler Cemetery.

Submitted by Ralph O. Diehl

Lawrence Leander Diehl

Lawrence Leander Diehl was born 29 September 1882 in Stafford Township, DeKalb County, Indiana, fifth child of Isaac M. and Susan (Ramsey) Diehl. He received his early education in Stafford Township Common School #2.

On 31 July 1907, he married Maude Alma Mann, better known as 'Alma', daughter of Joseph and Zelma (Hootman) Mann of Defiance County, Ohio. She was born 11 November 1885 in Defiance County. This couple lived and worked on the homestead his grandfather, Isaac Diehl, Sr., had settled in 1843. He further developed the productivity and value of this home and farm.

Laurence Leander Diehl (1950) and Maude "Alma" Mann Diehl (1935)

Although he farmed for a living, Lawrence was active in rural community affairs. He was elected to serve as Stafford Township Trustee from 1926-1930 and served on the Parent Teachers Association (P.T.A.) for the township schools. Alma was a member of the Stafford Township Home Demonstration Club, later known as the DeKalb County Extension Homemaker's Club, where she served as president in 1938/39.

Lawrence and Alma had two children, both of whom died as infants, Erma Leota in 1908 and Marion J. W. in 1917. They are both buried in the Big Run Cemetery east of Butler.

In 1920, they adopted newborn, Millard, and raised him as their own. Millard continued the family practice of farming the Diehl Homestead until his retirement.

Lawrence contracted cancer and suffered seven years. He finally passed from this life on 24 April 1958 at his home and was buried in the Big Run Cemetery next to his children, parents and grandparents.

Alma continued to reside on the family farm with her son, Millard, until her death. A large woman, she began an extended illness in 1960, and died 05 December 1966 from a complication of ailments, including diabetes. She also is buried in the Big Run Cemetery.

Lawrence and Alma had been members of the Butler Church of Christ, where he served as an elder.

Lawrence and Alma Diehl are examples of a hard-working farming family which experienced the pain and sacrifice of early twentieth century DeKalb County, and continued to be successful during the bitter years of the Great Depression.

Submitted by Ralph O. Diehl

Left: Edna A. Diehl 1894
Right: Leander "Lee" Diehl 1890's

Leander Jerimiah Diehl

Leander Jerimiah Diehl was born 04 February 1847 in Stafford Township, DeKalb County, Indiana, sixth child of Isaac and Susannah (Daily) Diehl. As a youngster of 16, when the nation was in the midst of the Civil War, two older brothers, William and Daniel, were serving in the Union Army. Lee's parents were opposed to his joining, because of his young age. During threshing season on the farm, his parents sent him into town on horseback to purchase groceries. After the shopping, he paid another to take the horse back home and he hopped the train for Kendallville where he enlisted in Co. D, 118th Indiana Volunteer Infantry as a drummer boy. Although he was 16, his military records show he was 18, implying he lied about his age. He served in 1863/64.

On 25 December 1870 he married Edna Adelia Fry (daughter of Frank and Sarah (Ripple) Fry). Edna was born in Livingston, Stark County, Ohio, on 14 May 1850. Edna was a pioneer nurse in DeKalb County.

Although Lee and Edna had no children of their own, they adopted and raised Edna's orphaned cousin, Florence Edna Baker, who later married Charles Hiner.

After their marriage, Lee and Edna moved into Butler and he began a job for Solomon Rogers, who was the postmaster, express operator, and sold books and jewelry. Soon he became a partner in the firm, Rogers & Diehl. By 1876, Lee Diehl's Jewelry Store was on its own. Lee was a pioneer merchant, who experimented with advertising liberally. Lee sold the Jewelry Store to his nephew, James G. Diehl, on 18 April 1918.

In addition to his interest in the jewelry store, Lee was a charter member in the local (Grand Army of the Republic) G.A.R. Meade Post No. 44. He created the Diehl's Drum Corps, which participated in parades each Memorial Day for years and traveled to G.A.R. national encampments.

He was also very interested in harness horse racing, the leading sports event of the day. He was on the original Board of Directors of the Butler Driving Park, a horse track in Butler. He was breeder of race horses and raced several champions, including famous Col. Strathmore, who set an official record at 2:12 ½ for the mile in 1903.

A great promoter, Lee invented and marketed Strathmore Condition Powders and Strathmore Poultry Powders, which were marketed around the area. He also had a patent for a new bee hive and sold much honey from his huge apiary.

They were both members of the Butler Church of Christ. In what was likely the first automobile related injury in Butler, aging Lee was struck by an automobile in downtown Butler on 07 April 1925. Internal injuries were hard to determine in those days, but he never recovered and died 24 December 1925.

Edna continued to live in the house, under the care of James G. Diehl, until her death on 13 March 1933. They are both buried in the Butler Cemetery.

Submitted by Ralph O. Diehl

Oliver Benjamin Diehl

Oliver Benjamin Diehl was born 29 June 1878 in Stafford Township, DeKalb County, Indiana, third child of Isaac M. and Susan (Ramsey) Diehl. War broke out with Spain while Oliver was attending classes at Butler High School. Dropping out of school to enlist, Oliver was mustered into Co. I, 157th Indiana Volunteer Infantry in 1898. He was sent to Port Tampa City and Fernandina, Florida, for training to be shipped off to Cuba. Prior to departure, word was received that the Spanish-American War had ended and he was then discharged. He served as a Private.

Better known as Ollie and O.B., he married Thema E. Krontz, daughter of Henry and Katy Ann (Feathers) Krontz on 01 October 1902. Thema was born in DeKalb County on

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Oliver B. and Thema Diehl family 1912

10 January 1884. Oliver worked at odd jobs while working on the family farm from 1899 to 1927. From about 1930 to 1943 he resided in Butler, and then moved to Auburn in 1943, where they both worked at Messenger Corporation.

He was a member of the Kuhlman Camp of Spanish-American War Veterans. During World War II, Ollie was a Registrant for the Draft Board in Butler, interviewing and registering men for the Selective Service.

Ollie and Thema had three daughters, Wilda, who married Frank McCollough and resided in Auburn, Edith, who married Kenneth Young and lived in Fort Wayne, and Shirley, who married Ora Cripe and became a successful business woman in Steuben County. This family were members at the First M. E. Church at Auburn.

Oliver died of a heart attack on 22 July 1960 in Auburn. His wife, Thema, died following a five-year illness on 16 December 1964. They are both buried in Roselawn Cemetery in Auburn.

Submitted by Ralph O. Diehl

Robert Dilgard and Betty Husselman Dilgard

Betty Husselman Dilgard was born in Grant Township, DeKalb County in the same house her father, H. Earl Husselman was born. The ten room brick house was built by her grandfather, Adam Husselman in 1886. The house, two miles north of Auburn on Route 27 is still in very good condition.

Betty had a brother, Lloyd, and a sister, Bonnie. They attended Waterloo school. Her mother, Delia Miller Husselman, died in 1980.

After graduation, Betty worked at Phelps Dodge Copper Products in Fort Wayne plus the Telephone Company in Auburn until her marriage to Robert Dilgard in 1947.

Robert was in the Air Force and trained on a B-29 as a gunner during World War II. He was on his last cross country training flight on 06 August 1945 when the bomb was dropped on Hiroshima and 09 August 1945 a bomb was dropped over Nagasaki, so the war was ended and he was not sent overseas.

Betty and Robert started housekeeping at 4730 CR19 Auburn and after Robert's death in 1986, Betty continues to live on the 150-acre farm.

During their marriage, they had both worked at the Auburn Rubber Company making toys until the company moved to Deming, New Mexico in 1979. Robert then worked as a supervisor at Cooper Tire and Rubber Company until the series of tornadoes hit northern Indiana and Southern Michigan in 1965, where Betty and Robert had bought ten lots on Coldwater Lake and built rentals. Since there was a lot of damage to their rentals and the whole lake area, Bob quit Cooper Tire and went full time as a general contractor to help rebuild the lake area. He spent his time between the farm and Coldwater Lake.

In 1983, Bob and Betty bought several houses on Van Buren Street in Auburn. He completely restored the one at 909 South Van Buren St. and it was one of the open houses during the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Festival in 1985. The history and pictures are in the time capsule at the Eckhart Public Library.

Betty and Bob started volunteering at the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum around 1983 and Betty continues to volunteer there today. She also started volunteering at the World War II museum south of Auburn.

Robert died in Houston Texas in 1986 at the age of 60. He made a comment several years earlier that "We have lived a good happy lifetime already enjoyed hard work, enjoying ballroom dancing and polka plus traveling nationally and internationally.

Submitted by Betty Dilgard

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The picture on the left is the home on 909 South Van Buren St. that Bob restored. It was a featured open house in the Auburn Cord Dueseberg Festival in 1985. The picture on the right: Betty Husselman Dilgard and Robert Dilgard.

Frederick Milton Dirrim

Frederick Milton Dirrim was born 24 March 1854 in Franklin Township, DeKalb County, tenth child of James and Hannah (Gillespie) Dirrim. On 04 November 1876, he married Mary Catharine Turner, daughter of Martin and Louisa Turner. She was born near Hamilton, Indiana on 03 October, 1859.

The Dirrims spent the first few years of marriage residing with his father, James, in Franklin Township. In the 1880s and 1890s, they resided in rental homes in Stafford, Franklin and Troy Townships, doing farm labor. In the early 1900s, they lived on a farm near Newville, Indiana. But, about 1910, they moved back to Hamilton, Indiana, where they spent the rest of their days. In addition to other jobs, he was employed at a wagon livery for a creamery in Hamilton.

Milton and Mary Catharine were the parents of four children: Jennie D., who married Henry B. Walters and taught school at Kendallville; Louisan May, who married Byron J. Pepper, an engineer for the city of Fort Wayne; Harris A., a coal wagon driver and farmer in Hamilton, and then Williams County, Ohio; and Gladys E., a nurse who married first G. B. Copeland and resided in Kendallville, then Victor S. Yoder and resided in Williams County, Ohio.

Milton died 29 August 1925 in Hamilton. Mary Catharine then resided with her children until her death on 18 March 1929 at her daughter's home in Montpelier, Ohio. They are buried in the Hamilton Cemetery.

Milton and Mary Catharine Dirrim are examples of hard-working laborers, who never made it big in life, yet helped to build DeKalb County.

Submitted by Ralph O. Diehl

Hugh Wesley and Catherine Dirrim family ca 1890s

Hugh Wesley Dirrim

Hugh Wesley Dirrim was born 13 April 1837 in Harrison Township, Carroll County, Ohio, the second child of James and Hannah (Gillespie) Dirrim. In 1845, at age eight, he moved westward into Indiana with his parents and settled in Franklin Township, where he grew to manhood. He was known both as Hugh and Wesley.

He married Catherine Speice, daughter of John Speice, on 15 August 1858. She was born 07 October 1837 in Berlin, Germany and was called 'Cathy'. Wesley was a farmer. In 1870, he owned and operated a farm in Fairfield Township, DeKalb County.

During the Civil War, Wesley volunteered to serve in Company F of the 44th Indiana Volunteer Infantry, from 1862-1865. He participated in the battles of Stone River, Chickamauga and several other campaigns. He was taken prisoner at Stone River, Tennessee but was exchanged a month later. He received an early honorable discharge in 1865 due to a "disability". Military records record that he had a series of epileptic fits that rendered him unfit for service.

An old Civil War photo exists in the family that shows Wesley in his uniform sporting a mustache during those days.

Although raised in a Christian home, Wesley did not convert to Christ until 1866, but from then on lived a consistent Christian life.

Wesley and Catherine had eight children in their life together. They were John Orlando, who married Francis Ellen Rima and farmed in Otsego Township, Steuben County; James Abraham Lincoln ('Link'), who married Lucy Quick and farmed in Troy Township, DeKalb County, Indiana; Elmer Ellsworth, who died in infancy; Clarence Leroy, who married first Anna Ogg, then Lottie ______, and third Sylvia Shutt, and worked as a barber in South Whitley; Jordan M. ('Jird'), who married Mary Almeda Dunn, and worked many jobs, including restaurant owner, carpenter, and telephone lineman; Nettie Mae, who married Rev. Eli B. Griffin and lived in Michigan and Indiana; Emma Helena, who married John Michael Sewell, a farmer, and lived in York Township, Steuben County; and an unknown child who died in infancy.

In 1873, he moved his family to Otsego Township in Steuben County, where he purchased a farm of 133 acres. Around 1898, this couple purchased a home on Walnut Street in Hamilton, Indiana, and in 1908, Wesley sold the farm.

Catherine died on 10 October 1900 and is buried in the Hamilton Cemetery. In March 1901, Wesley remarried to his wife's sister, Mary J. Speice, also a widow.

Wesley died at age 86, on 01 April 1924, at the home of his daughter, Emma, near Metz, in Steuben County, Indiana. He is buried next to his first wife, Catherine, in the Hamilton Cemetery. At the time, his second wife, Mary, was residing in an Insane Asylum at Richmond, Indiana.

This family is another example of a hard-working and sacrificing family who helped to build and develop pioneer DeKalb County.

Submitted by Ralph O. Diehl

Isaac Charles Dirrim

Isaac Charles Dirrim was born 22 January 1846 in Franklin Township, DeKalb County, Indiana, seventh child of James and Hannah (Gillespie) Dirrim.

During the Civil War, he enlisted in Company B, 12th Cavalry, also known as 127th Indiana Volunteers, and served in 1864-1865. He was later active in the G.A.R. (Grand Army of the Republic) Post at Butler. He was remembered by local residents for wearing Calvary boots, and served on the planning committee for the monument on circle mound at the Butler Cemetery.

After the war, Isaac married Angeline Elizabeth Wagoner on 29 December 1867. Elizabeth was born in 1849. Together they had two daughters, Phoebe, who married James T. O'Bryan and resided in Montpelier, Ohio; and Lena (also known as Mamie).

He first farmed in Fairfield Township in 1870, then owned and managed Dirrim's Meat Market in Butler in the 1880s and 1890s. In 1885 a fire broke out in his meat market and his business, along with several others nearby, were burned to the ground. A dance was being held in town at the time, and all the young men rushed to the scene to rescue the merchant's merchandise and control the fire. Lack of fire equipment was blamed for the spread of the fire, although it did not spread to neighboring brick buildings due to the hard work of young heroes.

Elizabeth died in 1892 and was buried in the Butler Cemetery. Isaac then became one third owner in the first Butler Basket Company in 1893. He sold out his farm animals and implements in 1898 and moved to North Pearl Street in Butler. He worked as a teamster for several years, doing much work for the Town of Butler.

He was an active member of the Butler Church of Christ where he served as a deacon.

Isaac, also known as 'Ike', remarried to Myra (?) later in 1892. Myra was born in February 1846.

Isaac died 05 September 1920 at his daughter, Phoebe's, home in Montpelier, Ohio. He is buried next to his first wife in the Butler Cemetery, Butler, Indiana.

Submitted by Ralph O. Diehl

James Dirrim

James Dirrim was born 11 August 1809 in Beaver Township, Crawford County, Pennsylvania, second child of Richard and Hannah (Wyckoff) Dirrim, Jr. Young James and his mother lived with Richard Dirrim, Sr., in Crawford County while his father served in the War of 1812 at Erie, Pennsylvania. In 1815, at age six, he moved with his parents to Brown Township, Stark (now Carroll) County, Ohio, where he was raised on a farm.

James married Sarah Harkless, daughter of William Harkless, on 20 January 1831. James and Sarah had two children: William H., who married Mary Ann Barker and resided in Auburn, and an unknown child who died in infancy. Sarah died 27 November 1834.

James then remarried Hannah Gillespie, daughter of James and Susana Catherine Gillespie, Irish immigrants, on 16 April 1835 in Wayne County, Ohio. Hannah was born 28 January 1815, in Pennsylvania. James gave his life to Christ in 1829 and Hannah in 1830 and they attended a Methodist Episcopal Church. They both faithfully served the Lord all their days.

James and Hannah moved westward and settled in DeKalb County, Indiana on 22 May 1845. Moving with them were James' two younger brothers, William H. and Isaac Dirrim, who settled nearby in the county. Their farm was located in Franklin Township, Section 11, 2 ½ miles southeast of Hamilton. (The house still stands at 6404 CR 16.) When they moved onto the land there was nothing but dense wilderness. By hard work, they developed this wilderness into a productive farm.

James and Hannah had eleven children together: Sarah married Frederick D. Oberlin; Wesley was a Civil War veteran and married first Catherine Speice and second her sister, Mary J. Speice; James G., married Mariah Louisa Freeby and died of typhoid fever in 1862 while serving in the Civil War near Corinth, Tennessee; Leonard H., who married first Charity Powers and second Mary Ann Goudy; Richard, also a Civil War veteran, married Mary Alice Wilkins and moved to Colorado; Margaret E. married Milton Barker; Isaac C. was a Civil War veteran, married Angeline Wagoner, and owned a meat market in Butler; John Taylor died at age 12; Hannah Delana married Ervin Crain; Frederick Milton married Mary C. Turner; and Elizabeth Ann married first Stewart Houston and second a Wallace, and moved to Ohio.

This family, as well as James' two brothers' families, became very involved in the Hamilton Methodist Episcopal Church, faithful in attendance, giving and in leadership roles.

James and Hannah lived on the farm until July of 1893 when they moved in with their son, Isaac, in Butler. Hannah died there on 21 September 1893. As age crept up on James, he was termed "a person of unsound mind" and died on 12 March 1899 in Butler. They are both buried in the Hamilton Cemetery.

This family is another example of hardworking Americans who turned the wilderness of Indiana into productive farmland, while demonstrating Christian values and lifestyle.

Submitted by Ralph O. Diehl

James G. Dirrim

James G. Dirrim was born 25 August 1838 in Harrison Township, Carroll County, Ohio, third child of James and Hannah (Gillespie) Dirrim. In 1845, at the age of seven, his parents moved to Franklin Township, DeKalb County, Indiana, where they settled on a farm in Section 11.

On 02 July 1857, he married Mariah Louisa Freeby, daughter of John and Sarah Freeby, of Troy Township, DeKalb County. Louisa was born 29 February 1839 in Whitley County, Indiana. James, who worked as a carpenter, and Louisa had three children and resided on the Dirrim farm until he enlisted for military service during the Civil War in 1861. He served in Company F, 44th Indiana Volunteer Infantry. During that service time, the family moved to the Freeby farm in nearby Troy Township.

Achieving the rank of Third Corporal, James succumbed to typhoid fever on 21 May 1862, and was buried at an unknown location near Corinth, Mississippi.

Louisa and her two surviving children received a military pension and remained on the Freeby farm until she remarried on 04 June 1874 to Alvin Francis Hand. The Hand family lived for several years on the Troy Township farm and later moved into Butler, Indiana.

Children of James and Louisa were Isaac Allen, who married Bertha Scranton and resided in Auburn; an unknown child who died in infancy; and Angeline or 'Anna', who taught school in Franklin Township before moving to Portland, Oregon, and marrying a Mr. Wells.

Louisa Hand died 09 May 1909 in Butler, and is buried in Eddy's Cemetery in Steuben County.

Submitted by Ralph O. Diehl

William H. Dirrim

William H. Dirrim was born 08 July 1820 in Brown Township in Stark County, Ohio to Richard Dirrim, Jr. and Hannah Wyckoff, who were married in 1807. Richard Dirrim, Jr., was born 18 June 1785 in Delaware, and was a soldier in the War of 1812. William's paternal grandfather was Richard Dirrim, Sr., who was born in Delaware in 1750. Hannah was the oldest child of Joakum Wyckoff, who was born about 1740 in New Jersey, and was of Dutch descent. The Wyckoff family has been traced back through several Royal families in Europe, clear back to Alfred the Great of England, 849-899 A.D.

In 1833, the family moved to Wayne County, Ohio. There William married Christina Haughey 12 September 1839.

Christina was born 29 October 1820 in Jefferson County, Ohio and was the daughter of Robert Haughey and Hannah Wyckoff. Christina's maternal grandparents were Peter Wyckoff and Elizabeth Bruce. Christina's great grandfather was the same Joakum Wyckoff listed above. In 1844, they moved to DeKalb County and settled in Franklin Township, where in the fall of 1845 he purchased 160 acres of wild land. They had nine children, seven living to adulthood. Hannah was born 16 August 1840 and married Isaac Firestone. Robert was born 05 May 1842 and married Amanda Firestone. William Samuel was born 19 March 1844 and married Bertha Headley. Eleanor Louisa was born in 1846. Mary E. was born 08 February 1848 and married William Goudy. Christina was born in 1850 and stayed single. Francis was born 11 May 1852. Sarah Caroline was born 22 November 1854, and married George Edward Hammond on 10 November 1877. Timothy was born 23 May 1857 and married Lulu Garver in April 1895.

Christina died 20 April 1887. William was a lifetime farmer in Franklin Township, Indiana, and died 09 November 1915 at 95 years of age. They along with most of their children and families are buried in Hamilton Cemetery.

Submitted by Michael Slentz

John A. Ditmars and Eliza Neff

John A. Ditmars was born in Hunterdon County, New Jersey. John married first Eliza Neff on 29 June 1833. His second marriage was to Hannah Dilgard.

John and Eliza had eight children, thirty-five grandchildren, thirty-five great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren. Their eight children were: Peter, Francis, Isaac, Helen, Emily, Harriet, Mary and Edward.

Peter (b. 31 August 1834) married Lois Grace West. Peter was drafted 25 June 1865 at Kendallville. He was a Private, in Company D, 59th Regiment, suffered from indigestion and was unable to chew properly. He was discharged. He received a pension 24 July 1886.

Francis (b. 17 July 1836) married Isaac K. Shaffer.

Isaac (b. 17 September 1837) married Martha Ann George. Isaac Ditmars was a private in Co. F. 44th Indiana V. I. 3rd Brig. 4th Division. He "Fought until he fell…shot in the abdomen in the Battle of Shiloh…left for dead, but was finally picked up and conveyed in an ambulance to a farm house where he was put to bed with a comrade and surgical attention was given him and he was finally moved to the Army Hospital for 3 months, then he went home to Indiana. The bullet that felled him had not been removed. Long afterward, while dressing, he felt a lump in his side and with a pen knife, cut with the precision of a surgeon (which he was not) the bullet from his side. The bullet that Isaac had taken from his side, was in the possession of his daughter, Mrs. Frank Dawson. In 1980, Carol, his granddaughter had it. Carol never married.

He kept it the remainder of his life and a souvenir of a Great Cause and a Great Battle.

Helen (b. 24 April 1840) married Nicholas Ensley.

Emily (b. 02 May 1843) married Robert A. Reed.

Harriet (b. 14 January 1846) married David A. Ober.

Mary (b. 15 November 1850) married Sidney P. Jones. Sidney Jones was the husband of Mary Ditmars. He served in the Union Army in the Civil War, Company E, 12th Indiana Calvary, Mounted Soldiers. He fought at the Battle of Wilkenson's Pike, Tennessee and Shelbyville Pike, Tennessee, at siege of Murfreesboro, Tennessee, and Mobile, Alabama.

Edward (b. 22 September 1854) married Dora Dingman.

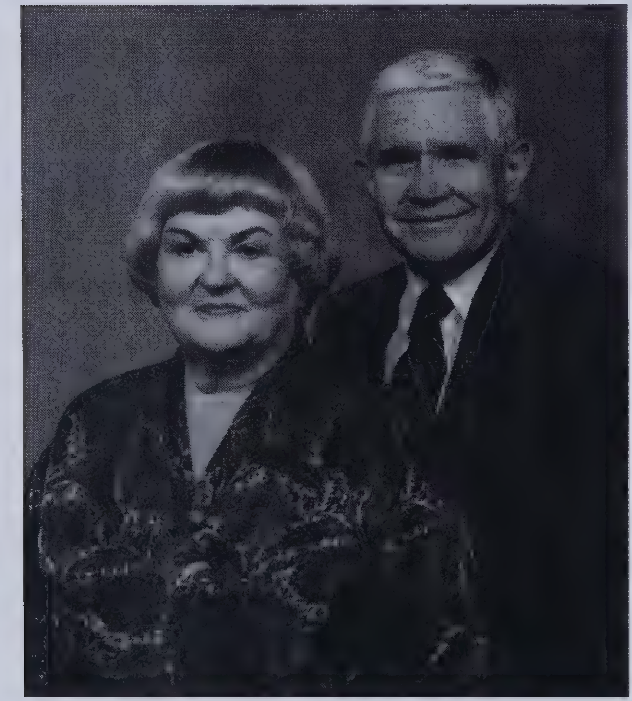
John operated and owned a saw mill for a number of years, sawing all the lumber for his house and barns. Being a carpenter by trade, he built them himself. The house still stands as a landmark to the pioneers of Indiana. Here Mary and Edward were born.

In 1853, they moved to Indiana by wagon and settled on what is now known as the Miller Farm on the old Plank Road, one and one half miles south of Auburn, Indiana. "This is on old 27 out of Auburn and as of 1980 this house is presently owned by Gene and Mirium Wilson. In 1980, Carol Dawson sold the balance of the sawmill and property to Gene and Mirium Wilson."

John had occasion to return to New Jersey. He returned with Eliza's mother, Jemima. John was "ordered" to build a log cabin near

John and Eliza's residence for Jemima. John did build a "home" the size of a "log cabin", just south of John and Eliza's home. John A. Ditmars was executor of Jacob Neff's will and "again" he was ordered to have Jemima's body removed to Evergreen Cemetery, beside her daughter, Eliza Ditmars. Engraved on Jemina's stone is the following: "Farewell Mother. Where thou art gone ADIEU and Farewell are sonds (Radiosonds) unknown. May we but meet there on that peaceful shore where parting words shall pass our lips no more."

Submitted by Gwen Ankney



Sigrid Nelson Duncan and Frank Allan Duncan, Jr.

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Frank Allan Duncan, Jr. was born in Buffalo, New York, on 18 December 1923, the son of Frank A. Duncan, Sr., and Altha Ruth Straube. His parents moved to South Bend, Indiana in 1930, and he graduated from South Bend's Riley High School in 1941.

His undergraduate education began at Kalamazoo College in Michigan in 1942, but his education was interrupted by World War II. He served in the U.S. Navy from 1942 - 1946, attaining the rank of ensign, and serving on the commissioning crew of the USS Steinaker as a navigator and torpedo officer.

After World War II, he returned to Kalamazoo College, graduating in 1947 with a B.S. degree in Chemistry. He graduated from Northwestern University Dental School, in Chicago, Illinois in 1951 with a D.D.S. degree.

The Navy's senior dental program was full at the time of the Korean War, so he left the Navy and served as a dentist in the Medical Corps of the U.S. Air Force from 1951 - 1953. He was stationed with the 142nd Tactical Fighter Wing at O'Hare Air Force Base, near Chicago, IL. Dr. Duncan describes the area now known as O'Hare Airport as "a wheat field for as far as you could see," during the time he was stationed there.

In May of 1952, he was transferred to Itazuki Air Force Base, in Japan. While there, Dr. Duncan produced a film of civilian life in post-war Japan. He was promoted to the rank of Captain in July of 1952.

In 1953, he moved to Auburn, Indiana with his wife, Sigrid (Nelson) Duncan and their daughter, Ann, who was born in 1951. He set up a private dental practice in Auburn, which remains active in 2005. Two other children were born of their marriage: Jon, born in 1954 and Julie, born in 1957.

Ann Duncan married Harry Kneifel in 1975, and they live near Martinsville, Indiana. Ann Duncan and Harry Kneifel have two sons: Joshua, born in 1976, and Nathan, born in 1978. Joshua Kneifel married

Kennedy in 2000 and they have one daughter, Elizabeth Sigrid Kneifel, born in 2002.

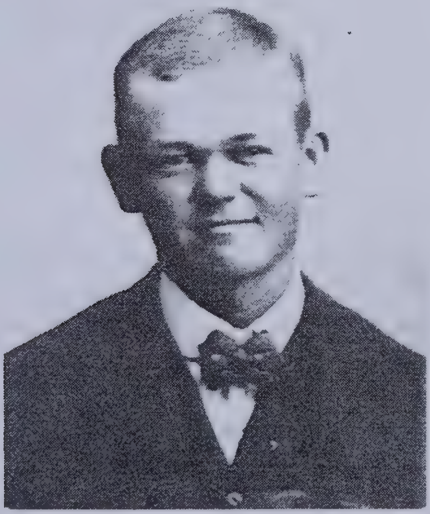
Jon Duncan is an attorney, living in Chicago, Illinois.

Julie Duncan is a dental hygienist in Auburn and married William G. Heimach, son of Rev. William A. Heimach and Evelyn Gundersen. Julie and Bill live in Auburn, and are the parents of two sons, William Zachary Allan Heimach, born in Auburn in 1987, and Nikolas Christian Heimach, born in Fort Wayne in 1990.

Dr. Duncan was appointed by Indiana Governor Otis Bowen to the Indiana Board of Dental Examiners, serving in that position from 1975 to 1982.

Dr. Duncan is a sixth generation descendant of Revolutionary War Patriot Dr. Samuel Duncan. He is also a direct descendant of six passengers who crossed the Atlantic Ocean in 1620 aboard *The Mayflower*. His ancestors include Mayflower Pilgrims Isaac Allerton, his wife Mary, and both of their daughters Remember and Mary Allerton, and Pilgrims Degory Priest and Francis Cooke.

Submitted by Jon A. Duncan



Fred Durst

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Fred Durst was born 19 November 1884 and died January 1966.

His parents were Henry Durst born 1860 in Switzerland and Bertha born 1860 in Switzerland. They were married in 1883 in Switzerland. Henry Durst, son of Fred and Saloma Durst, was born in Ennenda, Glarus County, Switzerland 14 September 1861 and departed this life at his home near Waterloo, Indiana on 09 May 1910 at the age of 48 years and 7 months and 25 days.

At the age of 16 years, he united with the Reformed church in Ennenda, Switzerland and in that faith. Henry came to this country in 1879, and settled near Waterloo with his uncle and helped with farming until his parents came to this country. He then went to live with them and helped to clear the farm and do the farming until the year 1883, when he was united in marriage to Bertha Durst. To this union were born eight children: Fred was born 1884, Minnie Margret was born 1885, John Jacob born 1886, Catherine Martha born 1890, Bertha was born 1891, Matthias was born 1894, Olive Orpha was born 1904, Clarica Jennette was born 1901 and died at the age of five days on 26 June 1901.

Fred Durst married Lois May Snyder 16 October 1908. Lois May was born about 1855 in Ohio and died about 1927 in DeKalb County, Indiana. Fred Durst married Anna Schweitzer about 1935 (no children). Anna Schweitzer Durst was born 28 April 1881 and died 01 January 1977. Anna raised chickens and sold dressed chickens, eggs and butter delivering them to customers in the Waterloo area in her Ford coupe automobile that had a rumble seat.

Fred was a farmer in DeKalb County, Indiana and lived on a farm located on County Road 27 South of Ashley, Indiana.

Fred and Lois May had one child, Dessie Irene Durst, who was born 09 October 1916 and died 29 July 1981.

Dessie married Ernest Greenfield, son of William Greenfield and Emily Waldo Greenfield. Ernest was born 29 August 1914 in Missouri and died 01 August 1967. Dessie and Ernest had five daughters: Norma Jean (b. 28 December 1935), Anna Mae (b. 27 July 1938), Charlotte Kay (b. 09 August 1940), Linnet Leona (b. 30 August 1944), Fay Ann (b. 29 August 1945 d. 07 October 1945).

Ernest enjoyed playing his guitar and singing while Dessie played the piano. He composed several songs and Donna Jean, their oldest daughter arranged it for sheet music at 14 years of age. Ernest directed the music and arrangements for Donna, Anna and Charlotte in a trio at various area churches and functions. They sang on Joe Taylor and the Indiana Red Bird Saturday morning radio program as teenagers.

Submitted by Kern Butler

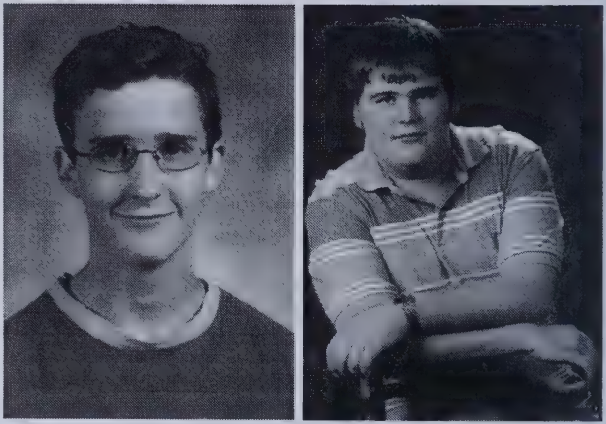
Bonny Clarissa Wilson Dyson and Ken Philip Dyson

Bonny Clarissa Wilson was born in Auburn 13 June 1952, daughter of Richard Keith and Helen (Olds) Wilson. Her paternal grandparents were John Hubert and Esta (Keller) Wilson and her maternal grandparents were James Ernest and Clarissa (Poper) Olds.

Bonnie graduated from Eastside High School in 1970 and studied at Purdue University, Fort Wayne, Indiana for two years.

Bonnie was married to Stephen Hooley 30 June 1984 in Auburn and they divorced in 1997. They had two children: Daniel Edward and Michael David.

Daniel Edward Hooley was born 13 April 1987 at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne, Indiana. While in the hospital, a woman attempted to kidnap him but for the awareness of his mother. The woman was apprehended the following day when she took a baby boy from St. Joseph's Hospital in Fort Wayne. Daniel graduated from Hamilton High School, 2005 and is attending Indiana University at the Fort Wayne, Indiana Campus.



Top Picture: Ken Philip Dyson and Bonnie Wilson Dyson

Bottom Pictures: Michael Hooley and Daniel Hooley

Michael David Hooley was born 10 October 1988 at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne, Indiana. He is a student at Hamilton High School.

Bonny married Ken Philip Dyson of Butler on 24 July 1999. Ken was born in Roann, Indiana to Gerald and Maxine Dyson on 19 September 1948. He graduated from Northfield High School in 1966 and from the Indiana University Medical Center in 1969 with a degree in Nuclear Medicine and Radiology.

His son, Shane, is married to Georgia. They reside in Paulding, Ohio. Both Shane and Georgia are police officers currently serving in the Army National Guard in the Fort Wayne unit. They are military intelligence agents stationed in Afghanistan. Their children are Caleb, Sarah, Cameron and Allison.

Ken's daughter, Stacy, is a Radiology Technician. She is married to Greg Kohart, a warehouse manager. They reside in Bordon, Indiana.

Bonny worked at DeKalb Memorial Hospital as a nurse's aid and then worked as a respiratory therapist at DeKalb, LaGrange, and Warsaw Hospitals. In 1974, she moved to Fort Wayne to work for Fort Wayne Radiology where she worked as an office manager. She also has been the Administrative Assistant at Innotek, Garrett, Indiana and presently is Treatment Coordinator at Auburn Dental Associates.

Ken has worked in Fort Wayne, Indiana as an x-ray technician and Nuclear Medicine Technician at Parkview Hospital, Hoosier Radiology and currently at the Medical Group of Fort Wayne.

The Dyson's live on State Road 1 north of Butler. They attend Butler Church of Christ and enjoy their family and friends, playing golf, cooking, and vacationing.

Submitted by Helen Wilson

Granville Jacob Eckert and
Charlotte Elizabeth "Beth" Bonbrake Eckert

Granville Jacob Eckert

Granville Jacob Eckert was born on the Eckert homestead in Fairfield Township, DeKalb County on 06 September 1898. He was the son of William O. Eckert and Mary M. Ringer. He attended Custer School and Fairfield Township School. He also attended high school in Auburn.

Granville was a farmer in Fairfield Township, DeKalb County and Steuben County, all of his adult life. On 30 June 1918, he married Charlotte Elizabeth (Beth) Bonbrake. Beth was the daughter of Lewis Wilson Bonbrake and Mary Violet (Oberlin) Bonbrake. She was born in Smithfield Township, DeKalb County on 31 July 1900 and died 30 July 1993. Beth graduated from Hudson High School in 1918.

Granville and Beth had five children: William Louis, born 08 December 1918 and died 30 March 1978; Wayne Henry, born 05 March 1920; Mary Louise, born 27 August 1922 and died 20 July 1997; Lloyd Eugene, born 05 October 1924; Owen DeMoyne, born 02 February 1927.

Granville died 13 June 1979. Beth died 30 July 1993.

Submitted by Owen and Carma-Jean Eckert

Owen DeMoyne Eckert and Carma-Jean Patee Eckert

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Owen DeMoyne Eckert was born on the Eckert homestead in Fairfield Township, DeKalb County on 02 February 1927. He was the son of Granville Jacob Eckert and Charlotte Elizabeth "Beth" Bonbrake. Owen attended Fairfield Custer School and Fairfield Center School. He also attended Salem Center and graduated from Pleasant Lake High School. Owen entered the military service 09 May 1945 and was discharged 12 November 1946. He served in the European Theatre during this time. After returning home from the military service he returned to work as a watchmaker and jeweler. He is owner of Eckert's Jewelry Store and still working.

Owen married Carma-Jean Patee 11 June 1950. She is the daughter of Earl Ray Patee and Geneva Iona (Hollinger) Patee, DeKalb County and was born 17 March 1928.

Carma-Jean was employed by DeKalb County Central United School District and worked 52 years. She retired in 1998. The Owen Eckert's reside near Waterloo, DeKalb County on a farm.

Born to Owen and Carma-Jean are two sons: Dennis DeMoyne, born 02 September 1957 and Dalen Duane, born 17 November 1962. Both boys and their families live in Auburn.

Dennis DeMoyne married Laura Louise Kruger on 02 December 1978. Dennis is employed by Tower Automotive as a tool and die journeyman. Born to this union were two children: Justin Jacob was born April 1982 and Rachel Nicole was born 18 March 1986. Justin is employed by Courier Printing of Kendallville, Indiana. Rachel is a student at Purdue University.

Dalen Duane Eckert married Debra Ann Lucas 08 June 1996. No children were born to this union. Dalen is self employed as a computer network engineer.

Submitted by Owen Eckert

William and Mary Ringer Eckert

William Eckert was the son of Sebastian and Susannah (Cox) Eckert. Sebastian emigrated with his mother and family from Germany to DeKalb County in about 1852. Sebastian's history is included in the "1885 DeKalb County History". William was born in Fairfield Township, DeKalb County 08 June 1864. Mary Ringer was the daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth (Wright) Ringer born 08 June 1868 in Fairfield Township, DeKalb County. Mary's family history in DeKalb County goes back to about 1853 when Jacob Ringer, a shoemaker, settled in Richland Township. He practiced the shoemaker trade until he could buy some land and he farmed until his death. Elizabeth

Wright was the daughter of Edward Wright, whose history in DeKalb County dates back to 1847, when he started the manufacture of potash and pearlash in Fairfield Township. William and Mary married 08 June 1886 at her home in Richland Township and had six children: Blanche born 12 June 1887, Ethel born 04 January 1891, Roswell born 30 March 1892, Imo born 14 May 1894, Granville born 06 September 1898 and Martha born 15 April 1901.

William and Mary Ringer Eckert

Blanche married Charles Getts 12 November 1911 and they had no children. Blanche died 14 October 1970 and Charles died 22 August 1962. Ethel lived only 10 days. Roswell married Alpha Irene Stomm on 05 February 1918 and they had four sons: Donald Cecil, William Mose, Harold Max, and Dean Stomm. Roswell died 20 April 1985 and Irene died 12 September 1998. Imo married John Berks 24 February 1914 and died 21 February 1915 and they had no children.

Granville married Charlotte Bonbrake 29 June 1918 and they had four sons and a daughter: William Louis born 08 December 1918; Wayne Henry born 05 March 1920; Mary Louise born 27 August 1922; Lloyd Eugene born 24 October 1924; and Owen DeMoyne born 02 February 1927. Granville died 13 June 1979 and Charlotte died 29 July 1993. Martha married Orlo Deetz 21 August 1920 and they had a son, Oscar Monroe born 17 April 1922. Martha died 02 July 1969 and Orlo died 09 March 1972.

This history is to update the history William and Mary wrote for the "1920 History of Northeast Indiana" volume II. They lived a long and happy life. They were married almost 61 years before William's death on 07 February 1947. They lived on the farm in which his father, Sebastian Eckert, settled in 1852. Mary was involved in teaching Sunday School Class and supported her husband. They were members of the St. John Reformed Church south of Hudson. Mary died 15 July 1959. They are buried in the Fairfield Center Cemetery.

Submitted by David O. Deetz

Henry Eckhard and Barbara Froehlich

Henry (Heinrich) Eckhard, son of Johannes and Elizabetha Katharine (Kreisel) Eckhard/Eckhart/Eckhardt, was born 24 November 1807 in Grosszimmern, Germany. The village of Grosszimmern is near the city of Darmstadt in the Province of Hessen. The area is known as the Odenwald, a mountainous region between the Main and Neckar rivers. Johannes Eckhard was engaged in the weaving of hosiery. He and his wife, Elizabetha, were the parents of nine children. Three sons, John, Henry and George, came to America in the mid 1840s.

Henry Eckhard married Barbara Froehlich, daughter of Johann and Dorothea (Goebel) Kreisel, in Germany in 1831. Barbara was born 04 April 1811 in Grosszimmern, Germany.

Henry and Barbara's first five children were born in Germany. In the year 1846, Henry brought his young family to America seeking the freedom of religious worship. They settled on a farm near Troy on the upper Hudson River, Rensselaer County, New York state. They lived there for six years during which time their sixth child, Martha, was born.

In August of 1852, Henry and his family came to Franklin Township, DeKalb County, Indiana and purchased an 80-acre farm. Henry and Barbara Eckhard were the parents of six children: George Frederick Eckhard, Sr., Michael Eckhart, Mary Elizabeth Eckhart, John Adam Eckhart, Catherine Eckhard, and Martha Eckhart.

George Frederick Eckhard, Sr. was born 13 January 1832, Germany, died 01 December 1910, Galesburg, Illinois. He was a minister serving various Indiana, New York and Iowa Circuits.

Michael Eckhart was born 17 March 1834, Germany, died 28 February 1918, Kendallville, Noble County, Indiana. He married Elizabeth Reinoehl, daughter of David and Rebecca (Weirich) Reinoehl.

Mary Elizabeth Eckhart was born 1837 in Germany, died 13 April 1930 in DeKalb County, Indiana. She married Benjamin Oberlin.

John Adam Eckhart was born 18 December 1839 in Germany, died 02 October 1902 in Galveston, Cass County, Indiana. He married Lucinda Barrett.

Catherine Eckhard was born about 1841 in Germany, died about 1851 in Troy, Rensselaer County, New York.

Martha Eckhart was born 11 October 1847 in Troy, Renssalaer County, New York, died 27 December 1928 at Maumee, Lucas County, Ohio. She married Solomon Reinoehl.

Henry Eckhard died 17 August 1853 of typhoid fever one year after coming to DeKalb County at the early age of 45 years. His wife, Barbara, died 26 January 1867 at the age of 55 years. They both died at Hamilton, DeKalb County, Indiana and are buried in the Hamilton Cemetery.

Submitted by Jennie (King) Phillips

Charles Eckhart and Barbara Ellen Ashleman

Charles Eckhart was born 24 February 1841 in Germantown, Pennsylvania. His parents were John Eckhardt, born in Darmstadt, Germany on 02 August 1805 and Carolina Fraley Eckhardt, also born in Germany. They came to America in 1838. Charles had five brothers.

Charles married Barbara Ellen Ashleman. They moved to Pennsylvania in 1867 where their four children were born. Frank was born in Chester County, and Anna, Morris and William were born in Montgomery County, all not far from Phoenixville. Frank Everhart Eckhart was born 09 October 1867. He married Jessie Boland 03 June 1896. Annie was born 22 January 1869 and died 04 June 1942. She married George Shugers on October 1904. Morris was born 25 March 1871 and died 15 April 1942. He married Ada McEnterfer on 1896. William was born 18 January 1873 and died 28 August 1945. He married Nettie Willis in 1894.

On 18 October 1904, Charles married Martha A. Hoffman (b. 1855 d. 1937), the daughter of Rev. J. H. and Margaret Hoffman.

Barbara Ellen Ashleman was the daughter of John Ulrich and Maria Everhart Ashleman. She was born 13 November 1836 in Wayne County, Ohio. Siblings included: a sister, who died at sea on the trip to America, name unknown, Elizabeth, Moses, Mary, Regina, Anna, William, Christopher, and Rosa. When Barbara was seven years old, she moved to Auburn. She grew up on the family farm east of Auburn and attended the usual school common in those days. She was a woman of medium height, a little on the plump side. She had dark brown hair which later turned grey in her older years. She was an excellent cook and mother. She loved to keep flowers and she spent time in her garden caring for them. In later years, she was quite frail and her health was poor. They lived for 18 years in the brick home on five acres of land that Barbara had received in a trade from her brother Moses for her eighty-acre inheritance. Here Charles built his first buggy in the parlor. About 1892 Charles bought a new home in Auburn on the SW corner of Van Buren and Fourth Streets. It was here that Barbara died on 10 September 1903, after a long illness.

At the age of eight, Charles Eckhart began to help his father, who was a weaver by trade, to spool yarn. He had a year and a half of schooling. At 16, he was apprenticed to a wheelwright and at 19 he owned his own wagon and buggy repair shop at Hilltown, Bucks County, Pennsylvania. In 1860 Charles enlisted in the 104th Regiment of Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry in the Union Army and served until 20 May 1863, when he was discharged because of heart trouble. At that time he was a First Sergeant. He re-enlisted later and remained in service until six months after the end of the war. Charles owned his own shops in Pennsylvania but due to the panic of 1873, they decided to move back to Indiana. In 1874 they acquired the brick home previously mentioned in a trade with Barbara's brother. After using the parlor for a shop, Charles later built a small building close by and from that humble beginning, the Eckhart Carriage Company grew into one of the major industries in Auburn. It supplied the wholesale trade for a complete line of buggies and surreys. The company produced between 4500 and 5000 units each year during its better years. Charles retired in 1893 leaving the business in the hands of his sons. He gave to the city of Auburn, a public library and a city park of several acres. Also with his son Frank, he gave a completely equipped YMCA building to his home town of Auburn. He died in Auburn, Indiana on 30 September 1915.

Submitted by Terry Franzman

Lloyd E. Eckert and Sadonna Brecbill

Lloyd E. Eckert was born 05 October 1924 in Fairfield Township. He attended Custer and Fairfield Center School in the grades. Lloyd graduated from Salem Center High School.

He married Sadonna Brecbill Eckert who was born in Smithfield Township 22 November 1944.

Sadonna attended Ashley Grade School and graduated from Ashley High School. She was in food service work for 45 years. They still live in the home of her great grandfather (Christian Brechbill.)

They have two children: Steven (b. 10 November 1945) and Christopher (b. 10 November 1956).

Lloyd farmed and did construction work with son, Christopher, for several years. He is now employed by son, Steven, in making components for the RV industry.

Steven married Suzanne Chinn and they have two daughters, Hattie and Maggi. They are both veterans of the Marine Corps of the Vietnam War. Steven is also a Pastor of St. Andrew Presbyterian Church. He is also Chaplain of the Indiana State Police and Auburn Indiana City Police. He has his own woodworking business. Suzanne works for Courier Printing in Kendallville, Indiana.

Hattie is married to Rex Walker, and they have two children, Cassandra and Nathanial. They attend Lakewood Park School. Hattie works at TFC at Garrett, Indiana and Rex works for Nucor at Waterloo.

Maggie has two children, Jordan and Jaykob. They also attend Lakewood Park School. Maggie works at Courier Printing in Kendallville.

Christopher married Judy Kay Garman. They both attended DeKalb Central High School. He has his own wood working business and she works for the U.S. Post Office. They have four children: Jennifer Mary, Rebecca Ann, Zakari Sebestian, and Isaac Jacob.

Jennifer is married to Mark Lehman and they have one daughter, Keziah Rachel.

Rebecca is a senior at St. Francis College.

Zakari and Isaac are students at DeKalb Central High School.

They all live in a small radius of the home place. It was declared a Centennial Farm in 1984.

Submitted by L. Eugene
and Sadonna Eckert

William P. Endicott

William Price Endicott was born on 28 March 1881, near Galveston, Cass County, Indiana. His father was Abner Madison Endicott, a Civil War veteran, and farmer, and his mother was Orle Ann Odell Endicott. He was an eighth generation descendant of John Endecott, first governor of the Massachusetts Bay Colony.

At an early age, Will, as he was called, developed an interest in the law, but as his family had limited financial means, he applied his aptitude for mathematics to teaching the subject in the Galveston schools until he had earned enough money to enroll in Indiana University Law School, from which he graduated. On 02 August 1909, he married Nellie Davisson, daughter of John I. and Anna Litton Davisson of Miami County, Indiana. The wedding was performed by his maternal grandfather, Rev. Price Odell.

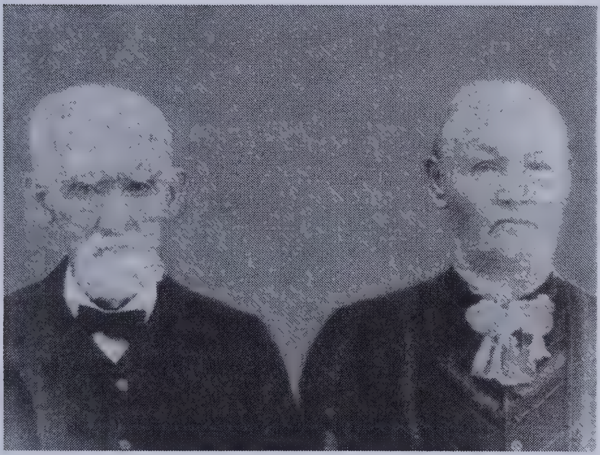
In January 1910, Will Endicott was admitted to the bar, and in April of that year he and Nellie moved to Butler, where he became engaged in the practice of law. As he built his practice, he continued to teach mathematics in the Butler schools until he could support his family fully by the practice of law. A few years later, he joined with Oak Husselman and Edgar Atkinson in law partnership until 1922. On 17 July 1912, the Endicott's daughter, Anna May (Anne), was born. In 1935, Anne married Henry E. Willis of Angola, Indiana, and spent the rest of her married life in Angola.

In 1925, the family moved to South Main Street in Auburn, where William Endicott remained for the rest of his life. His reputation as a competent and fair jurist and citizen grew, and he quickly became involved in both professional and community service organizations. At various times he was president of the DeKalb County Bar Association, a charter member and past president of the Auburn Lions Club, a past district governor of the Lions Club, a member of DeKalb Lodge #214, a member of The Scottish Rite and Shriners, and a life member of the Auburn Chamber of Commerce. He served for two years on the Public Service, Arbitration and Conciliation Board of the State of Indiana. William and Nellie were members of the Auburn Methodist Church.

William P. Endicott was first elected Judge of the joint circuit courts of Steuben and DeKalb Counties in 1920. After DeKalb County was established as a separate circuit, he was elected to three terms as Judge of the DeKalb Circuit Court. In one election, he was unopposed in both the primary and general election, attesting to his popularity and respect as a jurist. He finally retired from his judicial labors in 1946, as his health deteriorated. He died on 23 March 1954. Nellie Endicott died 31 October 1967.

William Endicott's three granddaughters remember especially his kind and gentle manner, his strong sense of fairness, and his amazing ability to multiply and divide complex two and three digit numbers in his head.

Submitted by Cynthia Willis Pinkerton



John P. Engle and Cynthia (Knight) Engle

John P. and Cynthia (Knight) Engle

John P. Engle and Cynthia (Knight) Engle were among DeKalb County's early pioneer settlers.

John Engle was born in Knox County, Ohio 22 December 1817 the son of Elias and Charity (Hull) Engle. He traveled to Illinois and Missouri and eventually came to DeKalb County with his brother in the spring of 1847. Here they each purchased a 60 acre plot of wilderness which was located one mile north of what is now St. Joe, Indiana. John's brother returned to Ohio and eventually sold his acreage to John.

John Engle was united in marriage to Cynthia Knight on 19 October 1848 at the Fairview Methodist Church which was located northwest of St. Joe.

Cynthia Knight was born 08 October 1830 in Knox County, Ohio the daughter of John Brookens Knight and Mary Ann "Polly" (Boyle) Knight. She traveled with her parents to DeKalb County in the year 1836. The Knight family settled northwest of what is now St. Joe, Indiana.

After their marriage John and Cynthia Engle lived in a log cabin at the edge of the woods near Bear Creek one mile north of present day St. Joe. There was a small spring close by over which they put some boards, and it was there they kept their milk and butter cool. In about 1850 the couple built a frame house on their farm.

John and Cynthia had three children: Martin David, married Harriet Howey, William Franklin, and Melissa M. married William Henry Baltz. They attended the Methodist Church at Concord in 1849, changed their membership to the M. E. Church at Orangeville about 1867, and became charter members of the St. Joe Methodist Protestant Church in St. Joe.

After many years of farming the couple divided their farm between their two sons and built a two story brick home at the northwest corner of St. Joe. It was there that they lived their remaining years. John died 08 October 1902 at the age of 84 years. Cynthia died on 04 April 1912, at the age of 81 years. They are buried in the Riverside Cemetery in St. Joe, Indiana.

Submitted by Glenda Shull

Harriet and Martin Engle

Martin David and Harriet (Howey) Engle

Martin David Engle, the son of John P. and Cynthia (Knight) Engle was born 12 March 1850 in Concord Township, DeKalb County. He spent most of his life in Concord Township. On 23 May 1874 he married Harriett Blanch Howey. Harriet was born 20 September 1852, in Ashland County, Ohio one of seven children born to George C. and Elizabeth (Reed) Howey. At about three years of age, Harriet came with her parents to Indiana.

To Martin and Harriet four children were born - one son and three daughters. The eldest daughter died at three years. Three children reached adulthood: Carrie Blanch married Roy Wade, John P. married Christina Levy and Edna Humbarger, and Donna Faye married Todd Kosht.

Martin and Harriet made their home on a farm that was part of a farm homesteaded by Martin's parents. It was located a mile north of St. Joe, Indiana. There they worked and raised their three children.

In 1881 Martin and Harriet became members of the St. Mark's Lutheran Church of St. Joe. Both were active in many functions of the church.

Harriet was a charter member of Rebekah Degree Lodge 505 of St. Joe.

Martin Engle was a charter member of the International Order of Odd Fellows Lodge of St. Joe and remained active until his death.

When Martin was a young man, he was a great whistler. When the town had square dances, he sometimes furnished the music by whistling and his son-in-law, Roy Wade would do the calling.

Harriet died of pneumonia 02 June 1915 at the age of 62 years. In his later years, Martin became blind. He made his home with his daughter and son-in-law, Roy and Carrie Wade. Martin died in St. Joe on 08 September 1938 at the age of 88 years. After his death, his land holdings were willed to his three children. Martin and Harriet are buried in the Riverside Cemetery in St. Joe.

Submitted by Glenda Shull

John D. Essig

John D. Essig was born 24 April 1854 in Jackson Township, DeKalb County, to William Essig and Elizabeth Damer, early DeKalb County pioneers. John was raised on his father's farm, near the center of the township, and resided there his entire lifetime, taking over the farm after his father's death.

John married Mary Ellen ('Mellie') Carnahan, daughter of Hezekiah L. Carnahan and Margaret A. McNabb, on 01 December 1888 in Auburn by Rev. Meese. Mellie was born 11 March 1862, also in Jackson Township.

John and Mellie had three children in their lifetime: William C., who married Matie Sisson and continued on to farm the Essig homestead; Margret Ruth, who married William Goings, who also farmed in DeKalb County, and Kate, who married Ralph E. Clark and resided in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

John suffered a debilitating stroke in 1909 and another stroke three years later, from which he died on 12 October 1912.

Mellie was a schoolteacher who taught at Butler Township School #6 in Garrett in the 1880s. She suffered a debilitating stroke in 1928, after which she lived with her daughter, Kate, in Fort Wayne. She suffered sickening headaches after the stroke until her death on 10 May 1944 in Greenwood Convalescent Home in Garrett, Indiana.

They are buried in Woodlawn Cemetery in Auburn, Indiana.

Submitted by Ralph O. Diehl

Ferdinand Fetter Family

Standing l to r:

Catherine (Fetter) Springman , John J. Fetter, William Fetter, Mary (Fetter) Kepler

Seated l to r:

Ferdinand Fetter, Catherine (McOscar) Fetter

Ferdinand Fetter Family

Ferdinand Fetter was born in Schirrhein, France 07 May 1830. He came to the United States at the age of 23 years and settled in DeKalb County.

He married Catherine Jane McOscar, 05 May 1858.

Catherine Jane McOscar was born 18 July 1833. Her father, Hugh McOscar, was one of the early settlers in DeKalb County. When Catherine was eleven years old, her family came to DeKalb County in a covered wagon, drawn by oxen. They settled on land in Smithfield Township just east of Ashley, Indiana. Ferdinand and Catherine Fetter had five children.

Ferdinand had a sister Catherine who came to the United States after him. She married Anthony Schiffli. They owned land west of Summit, Indiana and eventually moved to Garrett, Indiana.

Ferdinand Fetter lived on a farm near St. Michael the Archangel Church for 43 years. He and his wife left the farm in 1900, moving to Indiana 26 February 1907. He is buried in Calvary Cemetery in Garrett. Catherine Jane Fetter died 17 December 1924 at her son John's home in Garrett. She is buried in the Calvary Cemetery in Garrett.

Ferdinand Fetter and Catherine McOscar had five children: William F., Mary J., Laurence Calistus, Catherine Adella, and John Joseph

William F. Fetter was born 10 March 1860 and died 13 March 1940. He married 05 May 1898 to Anna Agnes Shoudel, who was born 03 December 1872 and died 17 April 1949. They had six children: John Mathias Fetter (b. 08 January 1900), William Ferdinand (b. 23 February 1901), Lawrence Wilbur (b. 10 January 1904), Agnes Adele (b. 28 December 1906 d. 23 March 1982), Catherine Jane (b. 20 January 1909), and Martha Elizabeth (b. 08 January 1914). John Mathias married Dorothy. Lawrence Wilbur married three times. Agnes Adele married Raymond Foster (b. 22 January 1908 d. 22 April 1982). Catherine Jane married Mr. Merriman. Martha Elizabeth married Willard Refner.

Mary J. Fetter was born 18 August 1862 and married William Kepler in 1888. They had three children: Mary Adella Kepler (b. 29 September 1890), Erma Kepler (b. 04 February 1893), and Verinia Gertrude Kepler (b. 02 February 1895).

Laurence Calistus Fetter was born 16 December 1864 and died 10 March 1868.

Catherine Adella Fetter was born 16 January 1868 and died 21 June 1901. She and Charles Springman married 14 October 1896. They had two children: William Charles (b. 23 August 1897) and John Joseph Springman (b. 22 July 1899).

John Joseph Fetter was born 02 October 1869 and died 19 May 1927. John married 21 June 1904 to Mary Bernadette Fulks (b. 05 November 1882 d. 18 December 1968). They had seven children: Colette, Catherine, Edward, Mary, Rosalia, Bernadine, and Floyd. Colette Fetter (b. 04 July 1905 d. 1987). Colette married Clarence Wyss (b. 01 January 1900 d. 1980). Catherine Theresa Fetter (b. 09 February 1907 d. 1976). Edward Joseph Fetter (b. 21 March 1911 d. 1996). Mary Frances Fetter (b. 02 September 1912 d. September 2001). Rosalia (Sr. Anna Rita) Fetter (b. 11 March 1914 d. 1988). Bernadine Gertrude (b. 08 August 1917 d. 1993). Floyd Anthony Fetter (b. 23 November 1920) married Marjorie Kutchey (b. 21 March 1923 d. 07 February 1997). Floyd and Marjorie had six children: Connie (b. 29 November 1947), Ronald (b. 06 February 1949, William (b. 07 May 1951, John (b. 18 December 1953), Anita (b. 18 February 1955) and Tina (b. 18 August 1960).

Submitted by Connie Myers

William "Henry" Fields

William 'Henry' Fields was born 28 February 1820 in New York State, parents unknown on 11 November 1845, he married

Olive Osborn, who was born 10 January 1825 in New York, also of unknown parents. Their parents, however, were born in Connecticut, and were not immigrants.

In 1850, Henry and Olive resided in rural Marshall Township, Oneida County, in upstate New York. He was a farm laborer and owned no property. By 1860, they had moved westward to Indiana, taking up residence in Concord Township, DeKalb County. They purchased a 42-acre farm in the southwest corner of Section 34 in Concord Township from John and Mary Chillis in May of 1864.

Henry and Olive were the parents of eight children: George Washington, who never married and remained on the farm, spending 1900-1915 on the DeKalb County Farm, Charles Alonzo, William Edward, Semond (there is no record of these three boys), Mary E., who married John Jerome Cook and resided in Allen and DeKalb Counties, and two unknown children.

Henry and Olive were divorced in an ugly separation in October 1887 in DeKalb County. She did not contest the divorce and Henry took sole possession of the farm. Henry sold off the farm, mostly in smaller segments, from 1888-1893 following the divorce. He then retired to the DeKalb County Farm, where he remained until his death on 12 February 1900. He, like his son, George, is buried in an unmarked grave in the County Home Cemetery.

Olive lived in the home of her daughter, Mary, in Cedar Creek Township, Allen County, after the divorce. The last record of Olive shows her living with Mary in the 1900 Census of Allen County. She died at an unknown location and the date and place of her burial is not known.

Henry and Olive Fields are a reminder that the "good old days" were not without their heartache. Dysfunctional families existed their heartache. Dysfunctional families existed even then, and there was little help available to those 'Victorian' times.

Submitted by Ralph O. Diehl

George "Leo" and Sarah Catherine (Bailey) Foley

George was born 21 June 1888, the son of George G. Foley and Catherine Fealey. He had three brothers: Walter A. (b. 1882), John William (b. 1886) and Edward Joseph (b. 1894).

He was twelve when his father died and as soon as he reached the age of 16, he left school to start working. He showed an aptitude for mechanical talent at an early age. He and a boyhood pal, Jim Sweeney, started work at Jimmy Hines' Pattern Shop for seven cents an hour in 1905. Both became journeyman pattern makers. Leo, as he was called, left Springfield, Ohio in 1915 and went to Toledo, Ohio, to work. His mother sold her Springfield home in 1916 and moved to Toledo with Leo. They bought a small home on Madelan Street in East Toledo. Leo worked at U.S. Malleable Foundry Company and Willy's Overland Motor Company from 1915-1919. He and a co-worker started their own pattern shop in 1919 and called it National Pattern Company. Leo, who had been courting Sarah Bailey since 1914, had saved enough to allow them to be married.

The Rev. Tim C. Bailey, the brother of the bride, married them at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Springfield on 08 June 1920. Sarah Catherine was the daughter of John S. Bailey and Brigid S. Nolan Bailey. She was born 26 December 1888. She had siblings: Ellen (b. 1873), Stephen (b. 1876), Timothy (b. 1879), Mary (b. 1881), James (b. 1883) and John (b. 1886). She was only six years old when her father died.

The couple lived with Leo's mother from 1920-1924. In 1921, a disastrous fire ended the National Pattern Company. Leo found employment at Aro Corporation in Bryan, Ohio. He and Sarah moved to Bryan in 1924. On 22 November 1925, their son John Leo Foley was born.

In the spring of 1926, George L. Foley of Bryan, Ohio, received an invitation from Burr O. Fink, owner of the Auburn Foundry Company of Auburn, Indiana, to come to Auburn to manage his wood pattern shop.

Mr. Foley had managed several pattern shops in Toledo and Bryan, Ohio and was well known in the foundry industry for his pattern making skill. Mr. Foley worked at Auburn Foundry for two years and in 1928 leased machinery and space from Auburn Foundry to establish G. L. Foley Pattern Company with three employees. In 1930, he moved to larger quarters in the Auburn Stoker building across the street from the Auburn Foundry. Auburn Stoker was owned by Auburn Foundry. In 1934, an adjacent garage building became available and Mr. Foley moved his growing company into this present location with his eight employees. The company continued to grow and the World War II years were very busy. In 1946, John L. Foley, son of the owner, joined the company. In 1950, George L. Foley suffered a stroke and John L. Foley was made general manager. In 1951, George and John formed a partnership under the name of Foley Pattern Company. In 1953, the aluminum foundry division was added and in 1955 the machine division became a part of the operation. In 1961, the company was incorporated under the name of

Foley Pattern Company, Inc. George L. Foley was named Chairman of the Board and John L. Foley was named President.

Foley Pattern Company, Inc. is a major supplier of high quality aluminum sand and permanent mold castings for the automotive, trucking, and marine industries. Their castings are sent world wide by such satisfied customers as Navistar, Dana, General Motors, Grumman, Marine Drive, and Templeton, Kenly. In recent years, they have developed a method of making aluminum sand cast molds for the plastic roto casting industry in the pattern division. In 1990, the third generation of the Foley family took over active management of the company. Ellen E. Foley was named President, Stephen G. Foley, Vice-President of Manufacturing; Patricia L. Foley, Vice-President of Quality. Foley Pattern Co. Inc. continues its original concept by making a good quality foundry pattern, high quality machined aluminum castings and rota cast molds for their valued customers.

George "Leo" Foley passed away 30 July 1978 at the age of 90. Sarah Catherine passed away 06 December 1996 at the age of 107. Their family business started by "Leo" lives on through their son and grandchildren.

Submitted by John L. Foley

Abraham Zemer Foote

Abraham Zemer Foote was the son of John Bronson and Catherine Zemer Foote. He was born in Ohio on 23 February 1842 and died at his farm home near Corunna, Indiana, on 01 June 1912.

His Grandfather, Harvey Bronson Foote, was a Baptist minister, the first clerk of Clinton Township, the first clerk of court and the first recorder of Shelby County, Ohio.

His Father, John Bronson Foote, was the first white child born in Shelby County, Ohio, on 03 December 1818. John was left without his father when he was about six years old and was taken in to be raised by another family. He received a good education such as the times and circumstances could afford. He later became one of the pioneer schoolteachers of Allen County, Indiana. John married Catherine Zemer, the youngest daughter of Abraham and Susannah (Gritenburg) Zemer, who was born 20 January 1821 and lived in Pickway County, Ohio. John and Catherine moved to Darke County, Ohio, where they lived when Abraham was born.

Abraham married Cynthia Ann Gump (daughter of Jacob and Sarah Gump born 24 June 1853) on 25 February 1872. They had seven children: Perry Allen Foote (1872-1942), Oliver Morton Foote (1874-1846), Baby Foote (1875-1877), Irma Jane Foote (1877-1919), Gerry F. Foote (1880-1962), Myrta May Foote (1884-1970), and Sarah Catherine Foote (1888-1960).

Abraham & Cynthia Ann and their children lived on a farm south of Lintz Lake in Richland Township, DeKalb County, until they bought 80 acres of land southeast of Corunna, Indiana, on the Old Chicago Toledo Pike. Later, his son Perry and family lived in the home that he built and they built a smaller home on the same dooryard for themselves and lived there until their deaths.

Abraham Zermer Foote, a young man of 6 foot 6 inches served in the United States Army during the Civil War as a member of Company D. Forty Fourth Indiana Volunteer Infantry.

He served in the following important battles at that time: Fort Henry, Fort Donelson, Shaloh, Iuka, Corinth, Murfreesboro, Chattanooga, Chickamauga, and Missionary Ridge. He was slightly wounded during the battle of Shiloh.

Submitted by Eloise Dove

The Forrest Family

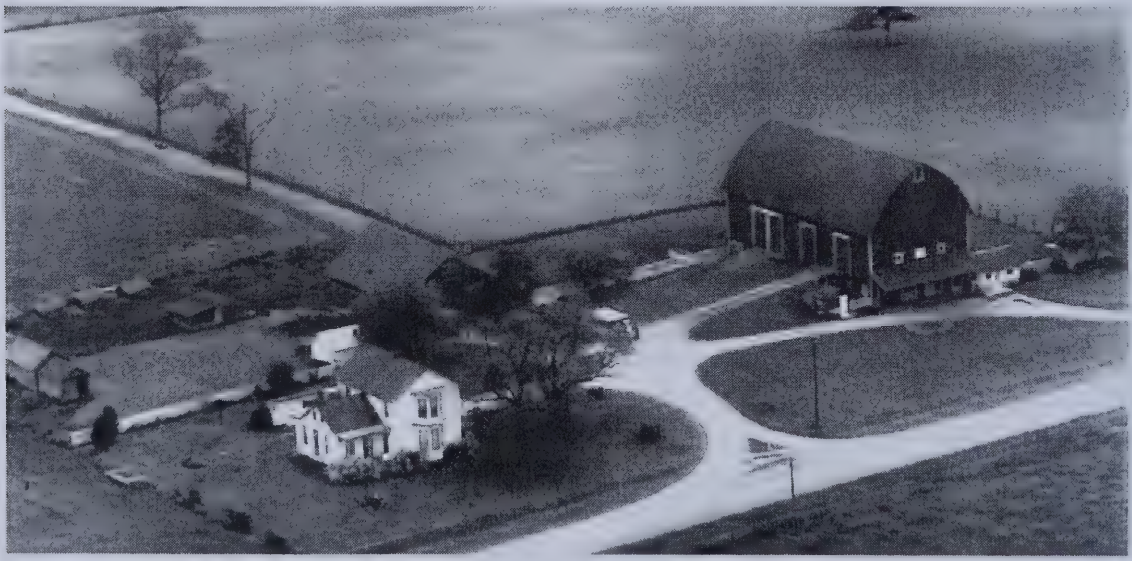
Coming from Longridge, Scotland in 1834, Jean Addie (Eddy) Forrest, widow of James Forrest came to the United States at age 55 with nine children. Seeking a desire for her children to have higher educational opportunities that were afforded in America, she settled in Freedom Township, Wood County, Ohio. A son, Lewis Henry Forrest was born in 1820 and married Margaret Mapes in 1837. He served as School Director and Supervisor in Freedom Township, Wood Co., Ohio. He and his wife were founding members of the Presbyterian Society. They had 12 children. Lewis played the violin and had appeared at a theater in Glasgow, Scotland.

On 25 April 1863, Lewis Henry Forrest purchased 145 acres from Jonas and Elizabeth Krum in Township 35, DeKalb County for $3,000 and on 23 September 1884 sold these 145 acres to his son William Rumsey Forrest, who was born 1840 for $5,600. William Rumsey Forrest enlisted for three years in the 21st Ohio Service during the Civil War. He was captured at Chickamauga, escaped, and recaptured spending 17 months in Andersonville Prison. His eyes were badly burned from close gunfire and because of lack of medical attention during incarceration at Andersonville, he became blind. In 1871, he married Lucy Canfield and they had three children. William Earl Forrest was born 06 August 1879 on the homestead farm on section 20, Smithfield Township, DeKalb County. He was reared under the parental roof, securing a good education in the schools of his native township and followed farming from his boyhood. Early in his life, he was impressed with the notion that there was a dignity and independence in the agricultural vocation not to be found in any other line of effort, and he intelligently and properly directed his efforts along this line, his labors being crowned with a fair measure of success. In addition to farming operations, he also was engaged in threshing in season, having purchased in the fall of 1909 a complete modern threshing outfit. In this line of special effort, he had been successful on his own account and had been of great assistance to the farmers of this community. He also erected a fine, up-to-date barn costing about $5,000 and was generally considered one of the best structures of its kind in the township. It is noteworthy that most of the heavy material for this barn was cut and shaped on the farm where it was used (and still stands today). Active, resourceful and progressive, Mr. Forrest had the true twentieth century spirit of enterprise, not being bound by old-time methods; but forged ahead and followed the most improved lines, being rightfully classed among the leading agriculturalists of his county. He also attended Tri-State College in Angola, Indiana. Politically, he was an earnest Republican and active in his interest for that party, but though his private affairs made such heavy demands on his time, he did not aspire to any public office for himself.

Earl Forrest had been guided by the highest motives. He had the greatest sympathy for his fellows and was always willing to aid and encourage those who were struggling to aid themselves. When he believed that he was on the right path, nothing could swerve him from it. His home life was a sacred trust, and his friendships invaluable. He had the love and respect from his family and from those who were his friends and neighbors. He died 15 February 1967 of natural causes and is buried in the Cedar Lake Cemetery on CR 20, Smithfield Township, DeKalb County. In 1898, he married Myrtle Curry, born 1880. They had eleven children: Lloyd Earl, Orval William, Edna, Lavon, Lucy Viola, Donald, William Clark, Glenn, Irene, Dorothy, Robert Dale.

The Forrest Farm has remained in the Forrest family name since the purchase by Lewis Henry Forrest in 1863. In 1959, Robert Dale Forrest along with his wife, Naomi, purchased the farm from his father, Earl Forrest, and farmed that same farm. Bob also served as DeKalb County Commissioner from 1965 to 1980. Earl's grandson, Jerry Wayne, son of Glenn Wayne Forrest, purchased, along with his wife Joni, the homestead farm from his uncle in 1979, and actively farms it today.

Submitted by Joni Forrest



Forrest Homestead Farm

Carl E. Friend and Doris Adell Hoffmeyer Friend

Carl E. Friend was born 20 June 1915, in DeKalb County, son of Milo James and Rosina "Rosa" (Schurr) Friend. He was the youngest of three children. He had two sisters: Ruth (Friend) Hohman, deceased, and Ethel Marie (Friend) Hills. His maternal grandparents were Andrew and Rosette (Leins) Schurr. His paternal grandparents were Norris W. and Susanna (Deter) Friend.

Carl attended grade school at West Richland School and graduated from Kendallville High School. He was employed by General Electric Company in Fort Wayne for thirty-five years as a sheet metal worker under the skilled trade area of maintenance. In 1977, he retired from the General Electric Company.

Doris Adell Hoffmeyer was born 14 September 1922, in Fairfield Township, DeKalb County. She was the daughter of Edith (Bonney) Hoffmeyer and Theadore Joseph Hoffmeyer. She was one of two children, having a brother, Herbert Keith, who married Barbara Dietrick. The maternal grandparents were Herbert and Edith (WyCuff) Bonney, and her paternal grandparents were Henry and Elise (Metzing) Hoffmeyer.

She attended several Elementary schools: Custer School, located south of Helmer; Zion Lutheran School, located in Helmer; and the Corunna School; finishing her education at Waterloo High School.

Doris and Carl were married at a parsonage in Waterloo, 27 August 1941. Three children were born to this marriage: an infant daughter that was stillborn; Steven Allen, born 01 November 1947; Susana Lee, born 22 October 1951, died 10 July 1953. She is buried beside her paternal grandparents in the Corunna Cemetery.

Steve Friend attended Corunna Grade School and graduated from Waterloo High School. He was a Vietnam Veteran and later completed college, receiving a B. A. Degree in Geology from Indiana University at IU-Purdue University in Fort Wayne. He married Kristine Louise Smock, 28 May 1983. He was employed at Morrill Motors as a sales engineer. She is a registered nurse, who completed her associate degree from Purdue University. They are the parents of a daughter, Sarah Kathleen.

Carl and Doris lived on the eighty-acre farm once owned by Carl's parents, Milo and Rosa Friend. The farm is located southwest of Corunna. They added a lake to the grounds, with landscaping to enhance the appearance.

Doris died 02 August 1992. Carl died 02 February 2005. They are buried in Corunna Cemetery

Submitted by Susanna Johnson

Michael Friend and Eliza Miller

Michael Friend was born in Richland County, Ohio on 07 February 1819, son of George and Barbara Friend. They were natives of Pennsylvania and early settlers of Richland County, where the father died in 1829. His mother, Caty, married Robert Allison. Michael Friend came to Jackson Township, DeKalb County, and brought a tract of heavily timbered land, which became his home. It took several years to clear the timbered land for farming and to build a home. Michael bought the farm in 1844 and it has been in the family ever since.

Michael was married 23 July 1844 to Eliza Miller. She was born in Ohio in 1824.

They were parents to five children: Mary Ellen Friend, James Miller Friend, Nancy Jane Friend, Norris Friend, and Amos Friend.

Mary Ellen was born 18 May 1845 in Ohio. She married Samuel Osborn 10 November 1869.

James Miller Friend was born 05 December 1846 in Ohio. He married Alice Kester.

Nancy Jane was born 31 August 1848 in Ohio. She died 24 March 1876 at the age of twenty-seven years.

Norris Friend was born 08 July 1855 in DeKalb County. He married Susanna Deter on 16 August 1874 and died 08 February 1935.

Amos Friend was born 11 November 1857 in DeKalb County, Indiana. He married Jessie Shamberger, who was born in Ohio in 1858. Amos died 16 February 1929, in DeKalb County. He is buried in Evergreen Cemetery, Auburn.

Michael and Eliza are buried in Evergreen Cemetery, Auburn.

Submitted by Susanna Johnson

Milo, Ruth, Rosa Friend

Milo James Friend and Rosa M. Schurr

Milo James Friend was born 12 September 1878 on a farm a mile and a half southeast of Corunna. He was the son of Norris and Susanna (Deter) Friend. He attended elementary school near the family home in Richland Township School No. 9.

Rosa Magdalena Schurr was born in Noble County, 04 September 1879. Her parents were Andrew and Rosette (Leins) Schurr. Rosa attended a German School located on County Road 28.

Milo James and Rosa M. Schurr were married in Garrett on 06 March 1906. They were the parents of three children: Ruth Magdalena, who married Elden Hohman and had two children, Norma and Allen; Ethel Marie, who married Dale Hills and had a daughter, Rosalie Ruth; Carl Ervin, who married Doris Hoffmeyer. They had a son, Steven Allen.

On 25 February 1918, Rosa and Milo purchased their eighty acre farm for $6,800.00. This farm is located two miles southeast of Corunna.

County Road 28 was once known as the Toledo and Chicago Pike Road and was a main thoroughfare. Travelers were often welcomed to the Friend home as they passed for a drink of water and to rest before continuing their journey.

Milo Friend was a delightful friendly, mischievous man with a love for the land. He had great "wit" and on many occasions swapped "tall" tales with his brothers and friends, regarding their crops or the enormous fish they caught. Milo took great pride in his farm and had difficulty accepting the tractor. In his opinion, tractors could not do as good a job as his team of work horses. Eventually, however, he owned a tractor which was his pride and joy.

Rosa and Milo added many improvements to their property, including enlarging the homes to accommodate their family and digging out basement to include a fruit cellar. Most of the lumber was obtained from the woods on their property for the addition and a barn for livestock.

Rosa Friend can best be described as a jovial gentle lady who welcomed guests with generous amount of wonderful good. She was very strong in her religious convictions and could quote verses from the Bible endlessly.

Milo and Rosa were members of and regularly attended the Corunna Methodist Church. He passed away at his home 24 April 1962. Six weeks later, on 08 June 1962, Rosa died at the age of eight-three. Both are buried in the Corunna Cemetery.

Submitted by Susanna Johnson

Nicholas Sr. and Anna Friend

Nicholas Friend, Sr. was born in 1568 in Glochestershire, England. His occupation was a yeoman. He married Anna Scott. Nicholas Friend, Sr. died 18 August 1638.

Nicholas Friend, Jr. was born in 1616 to Nicholas Friend Sr. and Anna Scott Friend. While growing up, he lived in Weymouth, England. He became a sea captain and sailed a merchant vessel with which he traded between England and American colonies.

Nicholas Friend, Jr. was married in 1654 to Anna, last name unknown. Anna was born 1618. Nicholas and Anna had five sons: Andrew, Jonas, Lawrence, Gabriel, and John. They also had five daughters: Elizabeth, Gertrude, Susanna, Sarah, and Barbara. Barbara, who married Peter Longacre, had a daughter named Sarah, who was the model on the "Indian Head" penny wearing the feathers of an Indian Chief. The American Penny was issued in 1836.

All of the children, it is believed were born in or near Weymouth, England, between the years of 1654 and 1675. After the years of 1675, because of political problems, the family set sail for America. Off the coast of America, the vessel was shipwrecked on the Delaware River and in the confusion of attending the wreck, two of the Friend children were overlooked and left on the sinking craft, from which they were rescued by the sailors with extreme difficulty. It seems that the father lost his life in the supreme effort to save his children from the floundering ship. The family, all except the father, reached land in safety and settled in upland in 1675. Anna lived to the ripe old age of one hundred six years. She died in 1724 and was buried in St. Paul's Cemetery in Chester, Pennsylvania.

Andrew Friend, born in 1660, the first born son of Nicholas Friend and wife, Anna, married Isabella in 1701, and their place of residence was Oak Hill Plantation, Delaware. He was a sea captain like his father until he was thirty years old. Andrew and Isabella were the parents of four children: Israel, Charles, Rebecca, and Philip.

Philip Friend, Sr., son of Andrew and Isabella Friend was born 1718 Bethlehem Township, Washington County, Pennsylvania.

Philip Sr., married "Ann" Elizabeth (Horshberg) Harsh, born 29 November 1726. They are the parents of seven children: Philip Jr., Christopher "Stophel", George, Elizabeth, John "Tobias", Cathanna "Charity", and Catherine. Ann Elizabeth, died 02 February 1797, with burial in Bethlehem Township, Washington County, Pennsylvania. Philip, Sr. died 05 May 1801, with burial in Bethlehem Township, Washington County, Pennsylvania.

George Friend, Sr., son of Philip Friend, Sr. and Elizabeth (Horshberg) Harsh born in

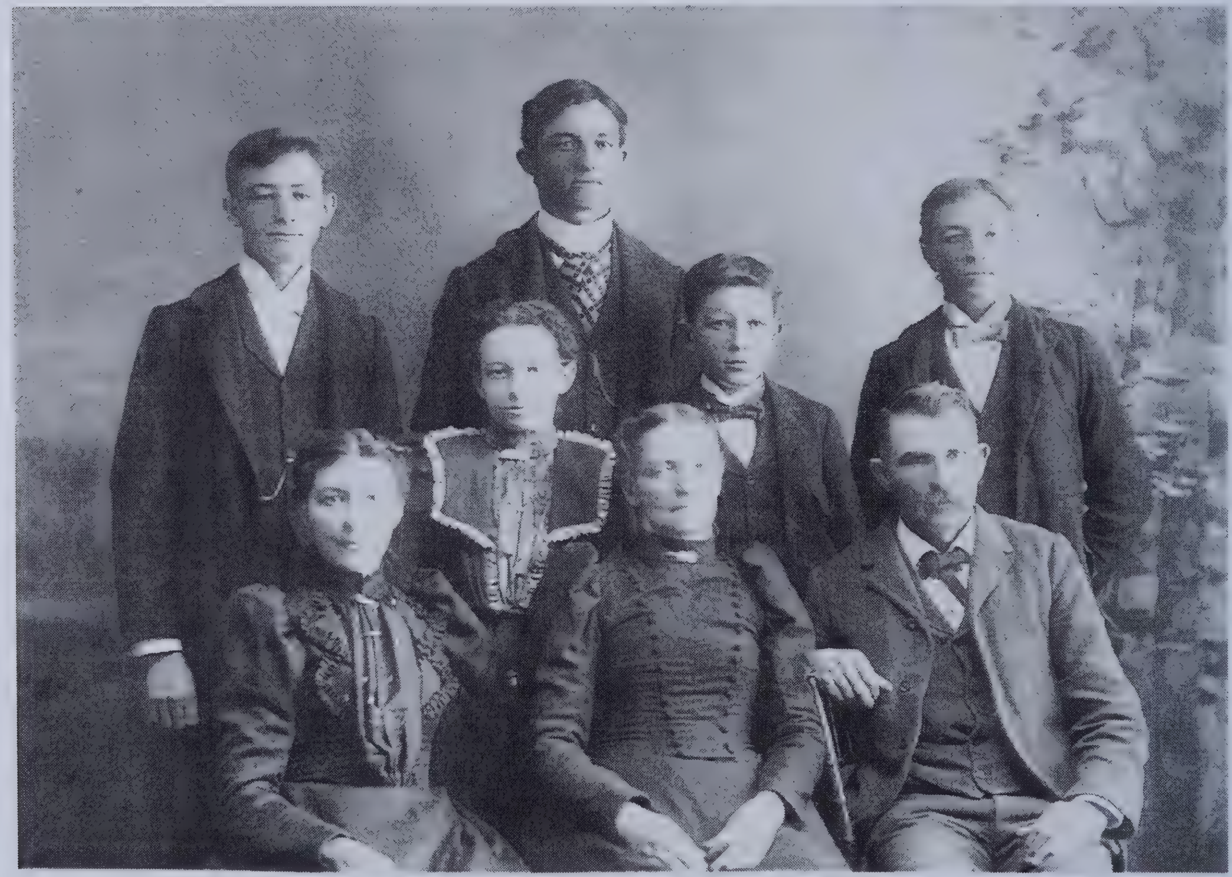
1752, in Somerset, Pennsylvania. He married Catherine "Caty" Sook. To their union were born Susannah, Sarah, Mary, Margaret, Philip, Christina, George Jr., John, Catherine, and Jacob. George Senior died approximately 1829-1830.

George Junior was born 1774 in Washington County, Pennsylvania. He was the son of George Sr., and Catherine Sook.

He married Barbara Greubaugh, born in Pennsylvania in 1786. They were married 17 June 1805, in Jefferson, Ohio. Barbara's father was Michael Gruebaugh.

George Friend, Jr., and wife, Barbara, were the parents of John, born 1806; Elisabeth, born 1807; Sarah, born, 1809; Jacob, born 1813; Mary Ellen, born 1814; Susannah, born 1816; Michael, born 1819; George, born 1821; Christopher, born 1826; and Philip, born 1828. The children were born in Richland, Ohio. George Jr. died in 1829, in Richland, Ohio. Barbara died 11 September 1852.

Submitted by Susanna Johnson



Norris and Susanna Friend Family

Front Row L to R: Amanda, Susanna, Norris
Middle Row L to R: Alda Mae, Pearl Jay
Back Row L to R: Emery, Milo, John

Norris Wilson Friend and Susanna Deter

Norris Wilson Friend was born in Jackson Township, DeKalb County 08 July 1855 to Michael and Eliza (Miller) Friend. He had two brothers and two sisters: James M. Friend, Amos Friend, Mary Ellen Friend (Osborn) and Nancy Jane Friend (Wilson). His paternal grandparents were George and Barbara (Grubaugh) Friend. Norris was married three times. The first marriage was to Susanna Deter on 16 August 1874 in DeKalb County. She was born 10 March 1853 to George and Elizabeth (Sanders) Deter. Her paternal grandparents were Johann George and Maria Catherine (Croft) Deter.

Norris and Susanna were the parents of Amanda Estella, Milo James, Emery Milton, John Henry, Pearl Jane and Alda Mae. Amanda Estella married William Nicholas. Milo James married Rosa Schurr. Emery Milton married Mattie Knox. John Henry married Lottie Boren. Alda Mae married John “George” Schurr.

Norris’ second marriage took place nine months after the death of Susanna. This marriage was to Florinda Swander. His third marriage was to a widow, Katherine Becker. No children were born to these last two marriages.

On 16 February 1878, Norris and Susanna purchased sixty acres of farmland located south west of Corunna for $2,000.00.

Susanna was a Dunkard and attended church regularly. Norris did not accompany her to church, but always made sure that she had a way to get there.

Susanna died at her home at the age of fifty years on 29 January 1906. She is buried at Sixteen Cemetery. Norris died at the age of seventy-nine on 08 February 1935 and also buried in the Sixteen Cemetery beside Susanna.

Submitted by Susanna Johnson

David Lee Fry and Norma Irene (Hixson) Fry

David Lee Fry and Norma Irene (Hixson) Fry

David, the oldest of five sons, was born 26 August 1937, in Garrett, Indiana, to Garman W. and Laura A. (King) Fry. The family members were tenant farmers in both Noble and DeKalb counties. David's siblings included twins - Jerald and Gerald, Donald, and Billy. Mr. Fry attended most of his eight years of grade school in Butler Township one-room schools. He attended high school in St. Joe, Indiana, and graduated with the 1955 class at Avilla. He was active in FFA, having honors in cattle judging. The twins and David spent summers helping hoe peppers and cucumbers for Ralph Sechler and Son. They also became part-time bicycle mechanics. David would ride 13 miles to Auburn for bike parts at Western Auto and Gambles.

David worked at County Line Cheese Factory and ARC (Auburn Rubber Company). He continues as chairman of the ARC annual reunion in Auburn. In May 1960, he began work for Dana Corporation in Ft. Wayne, Indiana, working on various shifts and departments. He retired from Dana after 36 years and 8 months, on 01 September 1996.

On 07 July 1956, Mr. Fry was first married to Sandra Steeves. Children born during this marriage were Phyllis, Timothy D., Diane, and Judith. The children all graduated from DeKalb High School. There are three grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

In September of 1962, Norma was married to W. Fredrick Schoolcraft and lived in Martinsville, Indiana then in the Dayton, Ohio area. Her three sons are: Paul Schoolcraft of Middletown, Ohio, Carl L. Schoolcraft of Avon, Indiana and John Schoolcraft of Martinsville, Indiana. There are three grandsons and three granddaughters.

On 18 December 1992, David and the former Norma Hixson were married by Pastor Al Black at the County Line Church of God. They resided in St. Joe, Indiana for 9 1/2 years. During this time, David served on the Town Board and Norma and David worked on the St. Joe Pickle Fest for a couple of years. Norma was in the ladies Literary Club several years. In July of 2002, Norma and David moved into a newly built home "on the hill" 3 1/2 miles south of Garrett at the corner of county roads 327 and 64, a 77+ acre farm that had belonged to her father since the 1970s (originally known as the Joe Heitz farm).

Norma was born 08 November 1938 to James "Myles" and Phyllis (Smith) Hixson of 3 1/2 mile southwest of Garrett. Siblings include: Spencer (deceased at birth), Larry J. Hixson, Linda Lou (Mrs. Gene) Brumbaugh (deceased in 2001), Raymond A. Hixson, Carl G. Hixson, and Connie Sue (Mrs. Howard) Clark. Mrs. Fry spent seven years in Butler Township grade schools and graduated from Garrett High School in 1956. She was active in 4-H several years and was in Indiana Rural Youth over six years, serving in offices in DeKalb county and also District 2. Norma attended Manchester College from fall of 1956 through spring of 1958. She worked in secretarial work in Fort Wayne at Brotherhood Mutual Life, for Total Living Care Home Health in Dayton, Ohio and then returned to work over nine years in the DeKalb Memorial Hospital business office. She has been Secretary-Treasurer of Cedar Creek Cemetery, Inc. of county roads 68 and 11-A since December 1981. Norma and David assisted the sextons of the same cemetery in mowing and trimming for several years and continue to serve on the board of directors.

Since retirement, David and Norma enjoy traveling, especially to Tennessee taking their cat, "Captain", with them. They both enjoy volunteering at the ACD Museum, gardening and working in their yard. David enjoys singing in church and at nursing homes. Norma enjoys the hobbies of sewing, photography and collections. They both look forward to helping with Butler Township Grade School Reunions and have done so since 1990. They also enjoy attending the yearly Garrett Schools Alumni Association meet-

The Geib Family

The picture shown (on the next page) is the first farm home that the Geib Family lived in when they came to Indiana. The Geibs came to DeKalb County before September 1895 and farmed in the Garrett area until the early 1930's. Henry F. Geib, Andrew John Geib, Evelyn, Rosa Nevada,

Walter George were children of Andrew

J. and Emma Schulthess Geib.

Henry F. Geib was born in 1880 and married Marie Siessman.

Andrew John Geib was born in September 1882. He never married.

Evelyn was born December 1884 and married Walter L. Clark.

Rosa Nevada was born April 1886 and married Cary Oak Ricktenwald.

Walter George was born 09 January 1895 and married Myra Ailene Walborn on 10 September 1914. Myra and Walter had five children. Walt died 27 February 1956 and Myra died 29 September 1989. Both are buried at Bremen Cemetery, Marshall County, Indiana.

Submitted by Karen Marks

Andrew J. Geib

Andrew J. Geib was born 30 August 1845 in Raenfaltz, Germany. His parents' names are unknown at this time. After he fulfilled his mandatory service in the Franco-Prussian war in 1870/71, he emigrated from Hamburg, Germany, to New York harbor on the ship Vandalia, arriving 20 May 1872. Shortly thereafter, he traveled to Millersburg, Holmes County, Ohio, where it is believed that aunts, uncles and/or cousins had previously arrived.

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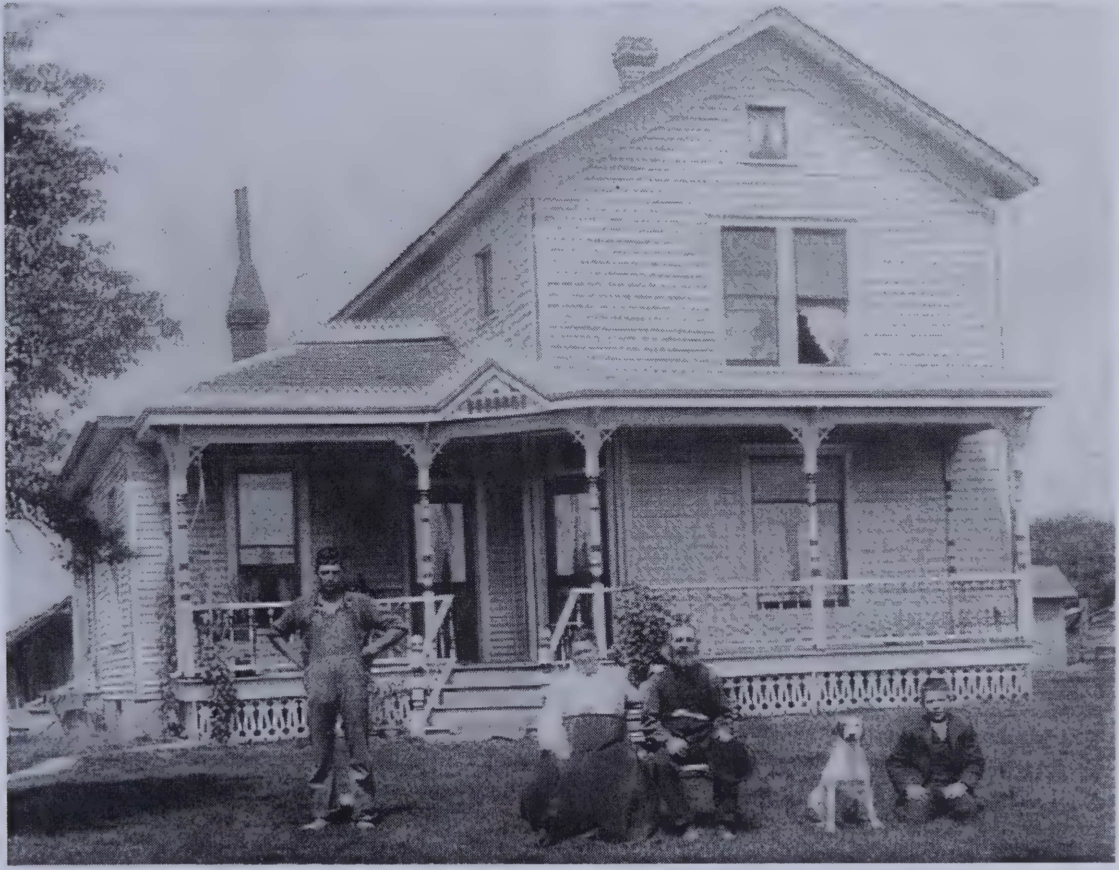


The Geib Family

Pictured are l to r: Andrew, Emma, Andrew, Walter

He met Emma Schulthess, born 11 July 1858 in Millersburg, Holmes County, Ohio, and on 01 January 1879, they were married. Emma's parents were Matthias Schulteiss and Elizabeth Schaffer, both born in Switzerland. Andrew and Emma's children were Henry F. (born 1880), Andrew John (born 1882), Evelyn (born 1884), Rosa Nevada (born 1886), and Walter George (born 1895).

Andrew J. and Emma Schulthess Geib

The Geib family came to DeKalb County before September 1895, and farmed in the Garrett area until the early 1930's, when they sold their farm and retired to 413 South Lee Street in Garrett.

Andrew died 20 November 1932 in Garrett at the age of 87. He had joined the German Reformed church in Germany when he was fourteen years old. Emma died two years later on 15 August 1934 at the age of 74. She was a member of the Garrett Presbyterian Church. Both are buried in Union Cemetery, northwest of Garrett, along with their son, Andrew John.

Submitted by Karen Marks

Betty Sue (Jones) Gengnagel and Albert Harold Gengnagel

Albert Harold and Betty Sue (Jones) Gengnagel

Albert Harold Gengnagel was born in Auburn, Indiana, on 21 January 1937. He is the son of Harold Frederick Daniel and Marie Gengnagel. They passed away in 1984 and 1990 respectively. Al attended schools in Auburn and graduated from Auburn High School in 1955.

During the summers, while attending high school, he worked for the State Highway Department and the City of Auburn. He attended Indiana University for two years. During the summer months, he worked at Yellowstone National Park's Lake Hotel as a bus boy. Before leaving for the second summer, he transferred his grades to the University of Mississippi (OLE MISS). It was here that he met his future wife, Betty Sue Jones, who was a waitress at Lake Hotel. She was attending the University of Mississippi. Al was accepted at OLE MISS and graduated in 1960. He and Betty Sue were married in 1959 and moved back to Auburn in 1960.

He went into business with his father, Harold Gengnagel. Betty Sue was a substitute teacher for several years at DeKalb Middle School. During these years, he was President of the Auburn Chamber of Commerce, Auburn Rotary Club, and Vice President of the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Festival. While president of the Rotary Club, he recommended the Rotary Club start the Junior Achievement program in Auburn. He was instrumental in the formation of the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum. He is a member of the Masonic Lodge 214 F. & A.M., the Scottish Rite, The Mizpah Shrine, and Honorable Kentucky Colonel.

Al and his father were in the coal and LP-Gas business. Later the businesses included jobbers for Gulf Oil Corporation and Mobil Oil Corporation and a lumber business.

He is a collector of old cars and at one time had 23. At the present time he has four, a 1934 Auburn 850X 8 cylinder Auburn Sedan, a 1935 653 6 cylinder Auburn Sedan, 1967 Chrysler Imperial Convertible, and a 1953 Ford ¾ ton coal truck from the coal business.

The businesses were sold in 1981 and 1984. He then worked as a real estate broker for six years. In 1990 he became licensed as a real estate appraiser and is still in that business today.

Al and Betty Sue have four daughters: Susan Marie Funkhouser, living in Indianapolis; Stacey Elizabeth Bradley, living in Lafayette, Indiana; Sarah Jones Comfort, living on the family farm in Auburn, Indiana; And Mary Calhoun Jensen, living in Fort Wayne, Indiana. They have seven grandchildren.

They reside at 742 North Main Street in Auburn.

Submitted by Al Gengnagel

Marie Baker Gengnagel and Harold Frederick Daniel Gengnagel

Harold Frederick Daniel Gengnagel and Marie Baker

Harold Frederick Daniel Gengnagel was born in Butler, Indiana, on 10 May 1903. He was the son of Otto Albert and Bertha Mae Gengnagel. They passed away in 1943 and 1945 respectively. The family moved to Goshen, Indiana. He attended Culver Military Academy during the summer months. The family then moved to Auburn where he graduated from Auburn High School in 1923. He was a cheerleader for Auburn High School. He attended Valparaiso University for one year. During this time, he drove new Auburn Automobiles from the factory to Auburn's showroom on Michigan Avenue in Chicago.

He married Marie Baker, daughter of Chalmer and Lizzie Baker, also of Auburn on 02 October 1930 and built a new house at 111 E. Clinton St. in Auburn.

He and his father started a grain and coal business in Helmer and Spencerville, Indiana in 1925. In 1930, he started a coal business in Auburn Junction and in 1945 purchased the Triangle Coal Company and moved his business to 438 West 7th Street under the name of Gengnagel Coal Company. He was president of the Indiana Fuel Merchants and past board member of the American Coal Association. He was president of the Auburn Chamber of Commerce. During his tenure, the local Jaycee chapter was in want of something to do. He suggested the erection of new street signs for Auburn. The Jaycee's completed this project. He was a 50-year member of the Masonic Lodge 214 F. & A. M. and Auburn Rotary Club. He was also a member of the Scottish Rite and Mizpah Shrine. His business prospered and in 1950 he purchased the Skelgas (Lp-GAS) franchise and operated this until 1981, when it was sold to Texas Eastern Pipe Line. In 1961, he became a jobber for Mobil Oil Corporation and serviced Gulf stations in Northeast Indiana. He became a jobber for Mobil Oil Corporation in 1965 and the business name was changed to Gengnagel Fuel Company. In want of something else to do, he started Gengnagel Lumber Company in 1974 in the old New York Central Freight Depot on West 7th Street and operated this until his death on 08 June 1984 at the age of 81. At the time of his death, he was believed to be Auburn's longest-term active businessman with 59 years of continuous service.

He and his wife lived on *Echo Farm* one mile north of Auburn. They had two children, Albert and Mary Elizabeth. Albert was involved in the businesses from 1960 through 1984 and still resides in Auburn. Mary Elizabeth lives in Canton, Ohio.

Submitted by Al Gengnagel

Steven Wayne Gilbert and Tamara Kay Reinoehl

Steven Wayne Gilbert was born 07 August 1969, son of Robert Gilbert, born 29 October 1939 and Diane (Benninghoff) Gilbert, born 15 June 1939.

Tamara Kay Reinoehl Gilbert was born 29 May 1969 in DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn, daughter of Max Edward Reinoehl, born 30 October 1942, and Sharon Kay (Rinehold) Reinoehl, born 20 March 1943, her paternal grandparents are Harold Edward Reinoehl, born 27 December 1914, and Hilda Mae (Smith) Reinoehl, born 20 May 1920. Her maternal grandparents were Carl Ivan Rinehold, born 17 September 1916, died 18 July 1986, and Lorraine (Likens) Rinehold, born 08 April 1918, died 21 February 1998.

Tamara (Tammy) graduated from DeKalb High School in 1987, and also graduated from International Business College with a degree in Secretarial Science. Tammy worked at Lectron Products, Inc. as Manufacturing Secretary for several years, and then moved up to Administrative Assistant to the Plant Manager. She worked there until Eaton Corporation bought Lectron Products and closed it. Tammy then worked at Auburn Gear as Manufacturing Secretary for about three years. She currently works for MSD of Steuben County Central Office as the Food Service Secretary.

Steve graduated from Eastside High School in 1988. Steve worked for DeKalb Agra east of Waterloo for nine years. He currently works for Nucor Building Systems in Waterloo.

Steve and Tamara were married 23 October 1993 in Auburn. They have two sons, Kody Wayne Gilbert, born 25 January 1995, who is in fifth grade at Country Meadow Elementary School, and Kendall Steven Gilbert, born 01 October 1999, and is in kindergarten at Country Meadow Elementary School.

Submitted by Max and Sharon Reinoehl

Back row l to r: Ira and Mary Etta Goe
Front: Ruth, Adah, Mary Goe

Ira Eugene Goe

Ira Eugene Goe was born in Carroll County, Indiana 01 February 1875. His parents were James and Elmira Jane (Williams) Goe. He had four brothers: Albert; James, Jr., died young; George, died Charles W. Goe and four sisters: Laura Ann; Rebecca Ellen; Emma Jane; Jenny died young.

He and Mary Etta Hatter were united in marriage 31 January 1900 in Carroll County, Indiana. They came by train to Fort Wayne, Indiana, and settled near LaOtto before moving to Auburn in 1920.

She was born 07 May 1880 in Carroll County, Indiana. The Goes and the Hatters attended the same church. Her parents were William and Annetta (Stokes) Hatter. Her grandparents were George C. and Sarah/Sally Hatter. Her great grandfather was Andrew Hatter and her great great grandfather was John Hatter. John was born in Wurtenburg, Germany, 1750. Mary Etta had two brothers, Harry and Charles. She also had one sister, Blanche. The Hatters lived in a sod house, then came back to Carroll County, Indiana.

Ira held a local preacher's license in the Auburn Church of the Nazarene. He was engaged in carpentry and masonry while living in Auburn.

Ira and Mary had five daughters: Ruth Violet Goe, Mary Mildred Goe, Adah Fay Goe, Leah Icy Goe, Esther Iona Goe.

Ruth Violet Goe was born 07 April 1901. She married Marley Hugo Croy. They had seven children.

Mary Mildred Goe was born 28 April 1904. She married Ashton V. Smith. They had six children.

Adah Fay Goe was born 24 May 1906. She married Forrest Nicholas. They had two children.

Leah Icy Goe was born 16 October 1908. She married Don Hay. They had five children.

Esther Iona Goe was born 26 August 1912. She married Harry Blevins. They had five children.

Ira and Mary Etta lived at 352 West Fifteenth Street Auburn at the time of his death. He died at the age of fifty five years on 12

June 1930. Mary Etta died 10 August 1967. Rev. Grant Barton officiated at Ira's funeral with burial in Roselawn Cemetery at Auburn. Mary Etta also is buried at Roselawn.

Submitted by Susanna Johnson

C. Blaine Hamilton and Margaret Hachet

C. Blaine Hamilton (1887-1965) came to Garrett in 1908 to work at the then weekly *Garrett Clipper.* By 1910, he had become editor and owner bringing his bride, Margaret Hachet (1886-1967) from their former homes at Fostoria, Ohio. There were three daughters, Thais Hachet, Gretchen, and Margaret Jeanne, born at Franklin Street. For many years after, the family lived at 401 S. Harrison St.

The Hamiltons were very sociable and belonged to many clubs. Blaine was active in civic matters, starting the local Lions Club as the first president. They helped start the Garrett Country Club and contributed to founding the Garrett Public Library. Blaine was president of the Chamber of Commerce as well as the Business Men. He was a force in the Greater Garrett Improvement Company, which built many homes in the 20's.

The Hamiltons were members of one of Garrett's first churches, The Episcopal Church, which sat where the Catholic Church is now. The Manse was moved to the 400 block of South Peters Street, although the stone church was demolished.

The Hamiltons were owners of *The Garrett Clipper* for almost fifty years until they sold it to their son-in-law Roy R. Williams. They were married 55 years.

Submitted by Thais Heinzerling

George Edward Hammond and Sarah Carolyn Dirrim

George Edward Hammond was born 23 April 1857 in Defiance County, Ohio. His parents were James Alexander Spheres Hammond and Eleanor McCurdy. His paternal grandparents were James Hammond and Nancy Jameson. His maternal grandparents were Tempest Tucker McCurdy and Eliza Ann McClarin.

He married Sarah Carolyn Dirrim 10 November 1877. Sarah was born 22 November 1854.

Sarah's parents were William H. Dirrim and Christina Haughey. Her paternal grandparents were Richard Dirrim, Jr. and Hannah Wyckoff. Her maternal grandparents were Robert Haughey and Hannah Wyckoff.

They began housekeeping on a farm in Franklin Township, where he was a farmer and a carpenter. They had four children born in Franklin Township.

Timothy Andrew was born 01 October 1880. He married Dove Edison November 1903. He passed away 05 May 1967.

Roy Edgar was born 22 December 1882. He married Dessie Brown 10 June 1905. He passed away 23 December 1970.

Mildred Christina was born 29 October 1885. She married John Leason June 08, 1904 at the Methodist Church in Hamilton. Mildred passed away 10 June 1963, and John passed away 14 November 1967. They are both buried at Eddy Cemetery.

Lillie Pearl was born 24 June 1891. She married Dean Overholt 26 August 1915. Lillie Pearl passed away 17 August 1072 and is buried in Hamilton Cemetery.

George and Sarah moved into the town of Hamilton in 1916. They were both members of the Hamilton Church of Christ. George passed away 03 October 1944, and Sarah passed away 09 March 1937. They are both buried in Hamilton Cemetery.

Submitted by Michael Slentz

Mary Jane Altenburg and Charles B. Hanes

Charles B. Hanes and Mary Jane Altenburg

Charles B. Hanes was born 24 June 1833 at Chautauqua County, New York. His parents were Moses and Mary (Battles) Hanes. They came to DeKalb County 1837-1838 and settled one mile east of downtown Butler, Indiana.

He was married to Mary Jane Altenburg 27 September 1857. She was born 06 February 1836 and came to DeKalb County when she was two. Her parents were Daniel Altenburg and Sarah Latson. Her sister, "Hattie" or Harriet, married George William Hanes, Charles's brother in 1866.

Charles and Mary Jane had six children: Ellie Hanes, Harriett "Hattie" Hanes, Moses Battles Hanes, Josephine "Josie" Hanes, Charles B. Hanes and Fred Hanes.

Ellie was born 17 May 1861 and died 08 February 1867.

Harriett "Hattie" was born 22 July 1863 and married David W. Aldrich. She died 14 July 1955.

Moses Battles was born 23 February 1866 and married Rose Pearlie Wylie. He died 25 October 1938.

Josephine "Josie" was born 18 August 1869 and died 11 February 1873.

Charles B. was born 11 1871 and married Louise. He died 06 February 1944.

Freddie was born 16 August 1875 at Butler and died 13 November 1886.

Charles was appointed Marshall of Butler in 1878. He was a farmer and was a member of I.O.O.F.

They lived at Butler, Indiana until about 1889. He came to East Buffalo, New York in 1889 as salesman for Swope, Hughes, Walsh, and Boustead.

In 1894, Charles had a cancer removed from his side. All the medical skill and most careful nursing was done that could be done to save his life. The ordeal through which he was called to pass was too severe for one with his weakened constitution, and with his advanced years, lacking the vitality that a younger patient might have had, he succumbed to the inevitable yesterday afternoon, shortly after noon. His faithful wife and sons were at his bedside when the end came. Charley Hanes was one of that class of men who will be remembered in this busy world long after he has passed away. He was of a quiet unassuming nature; there were few men who had many warmer friends than he. He was in every sense of the word a rigidly honest man, and no one who ever done business with him, but who held him in the highest esteem. His employer's interest he regarded as his own, faithful to every trust he died honored and beloved by all that knew him. His casket was covered with flowers among which was a bouquet in the shape of three links, the emblem of the I.O.O.F. (Independent Order of the Odd Fellows) presented by the Butler Lodge.

After Charles died, Mary Jane married

Joseph Sewell 25 November 1900. He died 22 May 1905. She then married Jeremiah Kepler October 1908. According to the local newspaper, Mary Jane was using the name Sewell again in 1914. Jeremiah died in 1916. Mary Jane died 14 March 1918, Hamilton, Indiana.

Submitted by Amanda Wells

George William Hanes and Harriet Emeline Altenburg

George William Hanes and Harriet Emeline Altenburg

George "William" Hanes was born 29 May 1828 in Chautauqua, New York. He was the son of Moses Hanes and Mary Battles. According to oral history, Moses was either the son or grandson of a Hessian Soldier. Moses spelled his last name, Von Heans, Heans, Hanes, Haynes, and Haines at different times.

George William married Harriet "Hattie" Emeline Altenburg 29 September 1866, DeKalb County.

Harriet "Hattie" Emeline Altenburg was born 15 May 1840 DeKalb County to Daniel A. Altenburg and Sarah A. Latson.

George William and Hattie had eight children: Cameron Reed, Sarah Evalena, Mary "Ella", Kittie Pearle, Laura Wilmetta, Harry Altenburg, George Carl "Mike or Carl", Clara Louise.

Cameron Reed was born 05 July 1867 Wilmington Township and died 04 March 1939. Cameron married Ida.

Sarah Evalena was born on 07 March 1869 Wilmington Township and died 14 June 1960 Barkley Nursing Home, Butler. She married Charles Heffelfinger.

Mary "Ella" was born 27 December 1870 in Indiana and 04 January 1955. She went to live with her aunt and uncle to serve as a companion to her cousin, Mary Reed. She married William "David" Gardner. She died in Wisconsin.

Kittie Pearle was born 25 December 1872 in Butler and died 04 June 1974 in Butler.

Laura Wilmetta was born March 1875 in Butler and died 19 March 1962 at Goshen, Indiana. "Metta" married (1) Milton Wagner (2) Walter Atwater.

Harry Altenburg "Alt" was born 09 June 1878 in Butler and died 07 March 1959 in Auburn. Alt married Susan Wilmetta Copeland.

George Carl "Mike or Carl" was born 31 August 1880 and died 31 October 1955. Mike was a talented piano player. He could play by ear. He never married and lived with his sister, Clara all his life.

Clara Louise was born 03 July 1884 in DeKalb County and died 13 March 1983 at Angola, Indiana. On 25 November 1908 Clara married Eston B. McCague.

Harriet was very active in her clubs and enjoyed having her family around her. She was a woman of high ideals, religiously and socially. She was an avid letter writer and loved writing to her beloved family. She would start "round robin" letters and they would get sent to each of the children so they could add on news and hear the other families' news.

George "William" Hanes was a farmer.

After working with his brother, Charles, on his father's farm, George built his own little house. He then married and in 1877 when his family was growing even larger, he built a large brick home, two miles west of Butler and it is still standing. Unfortunately his barn that he built and was so proud of was just recently torn down.

George William led an interesting life, which you wouldn't have known from his diaries. In these diaries, he kept track of what he did every day, the people he hired and paid, how much wood he cut and how many bricks a day he put into his new home. He did mention something that was rather puzzling for those that read it years later. In the 1874-77 diary on Monday, 08 March 1875, he says, " An Episode what you call it at 6 A.M." On Wednesday, 10 March 1875 it says, " In town most of day taking enumerations Hattie getting along fine." He was referring to his daughter, Laura Wilmetta Hanes' birth.

In 1893, he was in the papers frequently during a trial. He had disarmed Samuel Deeters, a neighbor, who had murdered two people, had attempted to murder his own mother after beating her, and had also shot a gentleman in a wagon in front of his family. . He knew this man as he had worked for George William. He calmed Mr. Deeters and talked him into giving up his gun. He and a friend took the murderer to the sheriff.

George William was a friendly hardworking person, very particular in his records, and was a township trustee for many years. He was very proud of his house and barn that he built. He obviously loved his family and friends. Even though he was not in the civil war, he supported it and went to regular meetings. He was a farmer and was needed at home.

George did have a vice, he chewed tobacco. He and his brother, Charles, both died from stomach cancer. George William died 28 May 1897. Harriet died 14 August 1923 from a stroke.

Submitted by Roselyn Wells

Mary (Battles) Hanes and Moses Hanes

Moses Hanes and Mary Battles

Moses Hanes was born 29 Jun 1793 in New York. In family bible records, it records his name as Moses Heans. Oral history says, "His father went by the last name of von Heans and his father or grandfather was a Hessian soldier." No proof has been found of this yet. In the original land patent report, signed 20 July 1837, he applied for, "nr. 1 E1/2SE Sec/Blk1/Township 34-N Range 14-E Fract. Sect. N. Meridian 2nd Principal Meridian, 80 Acres, DeKalb County".

Mary Battles was born 15 January 1793 in Vermont. Any details about her earlier life has not been found yet.

In the 1820 New York Census, in the Town of Hanover, Moses Haynes is listed as between 26-44 with his wife between the ages of 26-44 and has one female child between the ages of one and ten.

In the *Town of Butler History* (in the 1880 plat book) it mentions, "It was in 1842, that Messrs. Egnew, Hanes, Cherry, Morris, Tomlinson, and others erected the schoolhouse of which we have spoken, and which proved to be the first house in the town."

His name is spelled Haynes in the 1850 census. Moses is 56.

In the property owner list of Wilmington Township, in the *New Era*, 11 December 1860, it reports "Haines, Moses 8 east half south east quarter 1 34 14 7 00 86 51."

In the 1860 census, it lists Moses Hanes, age 67 as a farmer born in New York. The census lists Mary Hanes as age 67, born in Vermont. In April 1860, Moses sold his land to George William Haynes (Hanes), his son.

Moses and Mary had six children that we know existed. They are: Celestia H. Hanes, Mary Hanes, Marion "Mary" J. Hanes, Laura M. Hanes, George William Hanes and Charles B. Hanes.

Celestia H. was born in New York. She married Charles H. Orton 25 September 1841 in DeKalb County. Charles was a doctor in DeKalb County about nine years, 1840-1849, they then moved to Wisconsin. In Milwaukee, Wisconsin, he became the city and countywide doctor. They had two children, Laura "Lulu" and Mary. In an article talking about the 1860-1870's it says, "Lady Orton, the stately dame. In the sixties and seventies the best dressed woman in Milwaukee was quite generally admitted to be Mrs. Charles H. Orton, wife of Dr. Orton, a Clinton St. druggist. The Ortons lived in what was then considered a palatial brick house at Elizabeth St. (now National Ave.) and Hanover St. Mrs. Orton was spoken of as "Lady Orton" for she was a stately dame. Her daughter, Lulu, also was good looking and stylish. Mrs. Orton was the first woman in Milwaukee to use paint on her face, and powder, and redden her lips with something as lurid as anything any woman uses in these days of the lipstick. I was too young to understand these things as I do now, and thought the red splotches on her cheeks and her crimson lips natural. Celestia H. Orton died in Milwaukee, Wisconsin."

Mary Hanes was born about 1822 in New York. She married Duncan Cameron Reed in 1837. He was in the Civil War. They had one child, Mary "Mamie" L. Reed. Mary died in 1883 at Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Duncan died about 1891 and left an estate of $22,000.

Laura M. Hanes was born 05 May 1826. She married 13 April 1843 in Forrestville, Steuben County, New York to Elam A. Bennett. They had four children: Celestia A., Flora C., Hattie L., and Frank E. Bennett. She died about 1882.

George William Hanes was born 29 May 1828 in Chatauqua, New York. He married Harriett Altenburg 29 September 1866. They had eight children: Cameron Reed, Sarah E., Mary Ella, Kittie Pearle, Laura Wilmetta, Harry Altenburg, George Carlton "Carl or Mike", and Clara Hanes.

Charles B. Hanes was born 24 June 1833 in Chatauqua, New York. He married Mary Jane Altenburg 27 September 1857 in DeKalb County. They had six children: Ellie, Harriet E., Moses Battles, Josephine, Charles B., and Freddie Hanes. He died 05 December 1894 in Buffalo, New York.

Moses, according to the memory of his two of Cosper Altenburg (brother of two of his daughter-in-laws), "In his middle age, to my knowledge, prided himself upon his grandchild and never, in my life, have I seen the affection of a grand-father to a grandson as that of grandpa Moses Haines on his grandchild. As witness to the life, character and reputation of Moses Haines and his wife, who were early settlers in DeKalb County, Indiana, they were honorable respected and the old gentlemen, Moses, was loyal to his country, his people and especially to the Democratic Party. He was a life-long Democrat and a real friend of the Altenbergs. Further, I am a witness to the fact that the Haines Tribe consists of and in the veins flow honest American blood, none better to be found anywhere in America."

His tombstone says he was 76 yr. 5 mo. 21 days when he died in 20 December 1869. His last name is Hanes on the tombstone. Moses Haines is listed in the 1870 Mortality Census as having died of a "hemmorage" of the stomach. It says his father was of foreign birth. Mary died 02 March 1874, at the home of her daughter, Marion "Mary" Jane Bates, in Kendallville, Indiana. She was 90 years old.

Submitted by Jim and Roselyn Wells

The Hanson Family 1888
L to R: Merrit, Myrtle, Claude, Edward, Anna (Ober) Hanson

Claude Francis Hanson

Claude Francis Hanson was born the middle child of Merritt and Anna Ober Hanson's three children. Merritt and Anna Ober Hanson were pioneering on land near Loop City, Nebraska, and living in the home they built from prairie sod. Edward was first born in 1880. Next was Claude's birth on 11 March 1882 and daughter Myrtle graced their home on December 18, just before Christmas of 1883.

In 1888, Merritt moved his family back to Indiana where he would farm his father Elisha's farmland near LaOtto. It was there that Merritt and Anna's three children would grow to maturity.

Romance came into Claude's life upon meeting an attractive young lady among the student body at academy (later this academy would become Manchester College) where both were students. Claude and Mary I. Hodgden were wed 05 December 1903. To this union were born baby Ruth 08 December 1904. Second daughter Florence came on 25 October 1906. It would be four years later that daughter Martha Ann was delivered on mother Mary's 28th birthday.

After a short venture as partners in operating the LaOtto grain elevator, both Edward and Claude settled into farming – Edward with his young family in Michigan and Claude on the Hanson farm which had passed to Merritt's ownership. Some seven years after Merritt lost wife Anna to cancer in August of 1907, he sold the farm and moved to a residence in Auburn. Claude continued to operate the farm on shares with the new owners.

It was 1920 Claude decided to leave farming and seek the fortunes of factory work. He settled the family on a small acreage on the north edge of Auburn and became a molder at the Auburn Foundry. On 16 January 1921, Mary gave birth to their last child, Marvin Edward. In December of that year, daughter Ruth married a young minister, W. Russell Shull. On 23 May 1926, Florence and Charles Bloom were wed and started life farming land east of Auburn. In that summer of '26, Claude moved the remaining family to the residence of 429 Indiana Avenue in Auburn.

Claude would continue his work at the foundry in Auburn for 24 years except for a lay-off during the Depression. Daughter Martha and Roland G. Harding were married 13 January 1934 and became a farming couple. Marvin and Mary Katherine Lowe were married 27 December 1942 and resided in Chicago until Marvin was called by the draft to Civilian Public Service. Upon leaving employment at Auburn Foundry, Claude worked at Garrett's aluminum foundry a couple of years. In 1946 Claude and Mary moved to North Manchester for retirement years. Even there he plied his skill at the Manchester foundry before retiring at age 67 in 1949.

Physically Claude was barely medium height, but wiry and muscular. He enjoyed hard work and the feeling of a job well done. Of prime importance to him was family, church and religious faith, respect for all humanity and a love of nature. He was an avid fisherman and hunter and his skill in both sports kept meat on the table during the depression.

He could not stand inactivity. He became in retirement, the caretaker of a local farmer's large orchard. His care and resulting abundance in crops became his pride. A lifetime hobby of bee keeping was soon reflected by the appearance of 22 hives in the orchard. Often throughout his years he honored requests to remove swarms of bees from homes and premises. He continued working the orchard until only a few months from his death

After Mary's sudden death on 07 January 1965, it was determined that it would be best for Claude to live with daughter and son-in-law, Florence and Charles Bloom, at their farm home not far from the former Hanson farmstead.

In only a matter of five months and six days after Mary's death, Claude succumbed to a respiratory infection of a few days' illness on 13 June 1965. Both Mary's and Claude's mortal remains rest on a gentle hill in the peaceful setting of Cedar Chapel Cemetery amidst the graves of other family members and many neighbors and friends during life. Three generations of descendants now inhabit DeKalb County and environs.

Submitted by Marvin E. Hanson

Hawk Family

The children of Valentine Hawk and Mary Helen Gilmore Hawk were Ernest Gilmore Hawk, John Clifford Hawk, Eve Fern Hawk, George Clyde Hawk, Beulah Helen Hawk, and Curtis Floyd Hawk.

Ernest Gilmore was born 1903 and died 1906 in Portland, Indiana.

John Clifford Hawk and Florence (Strow) Hawk had four children and lived in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

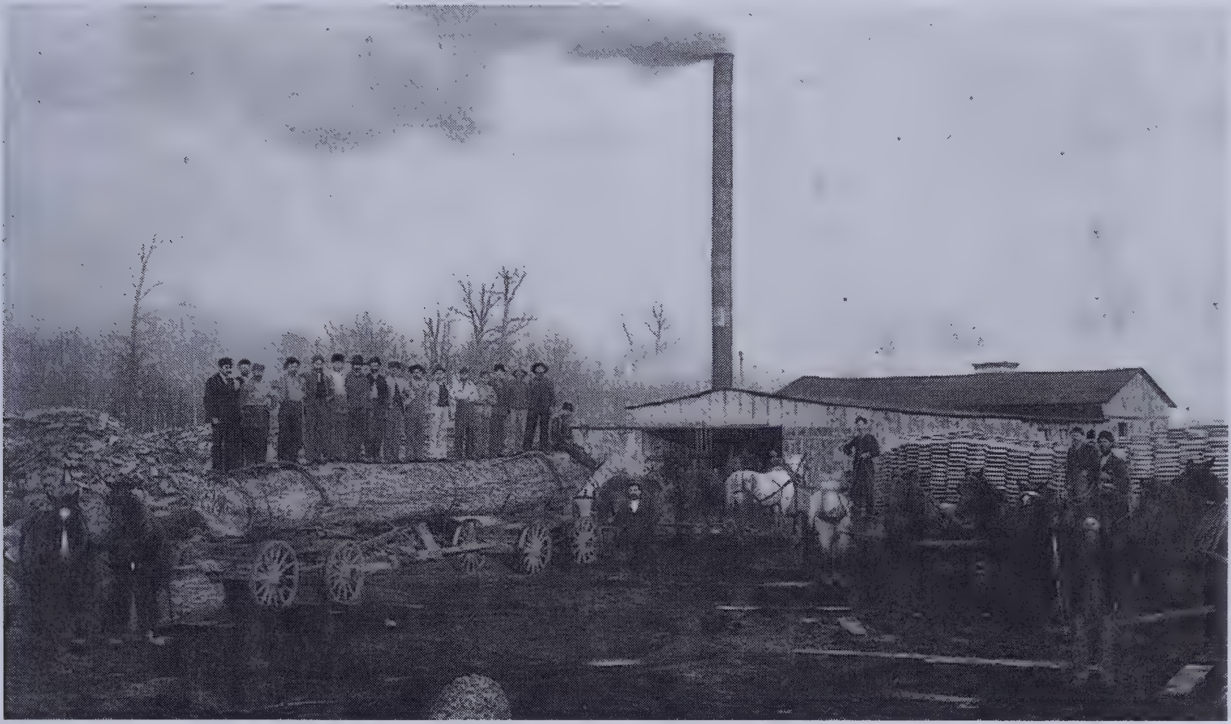
Eve Fern Hawk died at the age of 18.

George Clyde Hawk lived in Pennsylvania.

Beulah Helen (Hawk) and her husband, Ralph Depew lived in Garrett, Indiana. They had four children.

Curtis F. Hawk and wife, Mina (Thompson) Hawk lived in Pennsylvania. They had four children.

Submitted by Hilda (Smith) Reinoehl



The Hawk Family was supported in part by this Sawmill.
It is located in Fairfield Township, owned by their father, Valentine Hawk.

Valentine Hawk

Valentine Hawk and Mary Helen Gilmore

Valentine Eveline Hawk was born in Adams County, Indiana, 26 December 1867 and died 17 May 1934 in DeKalb County. He was the last of seven children born to Adam Hawk (1829-1881) and Nancy Johnson Hawk (1833-1905).

He married Mary Helen Gilmore. Mary was born 08 May 1869 in Adams County. Her parents were Alexander Gilmore (1842-1924) and Eliza Jane (Reddish) Gilmore (1846-1912). Mary Helen died 02 January 1938 while visiting her son, Curtis in Meadville, Pennsylvania.

They had children: Ernest Gilmore Hawk, John Clifford Hawk, Eve Fern Hawk, George Clyde Hawk, Beulah Helen Hawk, and Curtis F. Hawk. Valentine and Mary Helen are buried in Sedan in the Showers Corners Cemetery.

Submitted by Hilda (Smith) Reinoehl
(a great niece)

Gregory Lee Haynes and Rhonda Lue Hathaway

Gregory Lee Haynes was born 02 July 1956 at Garrett, DeKalb County, Indiana. His parents were Raymond Wilson Haynes born 08 May 1914 at Garrett, Indiana, and Barbara Krider born 09 August 1930 at Garrett, Indiana.

Gregory married Rhonda Lue Hathaway on 26 June 1976 at Garrett, DeKalb County, Indiana. They had one child: Michele Marie Haynes born 14 April 1981 at Fort Wayne, Allen County, Indiana.

Rhonda Lue Hathaway was born 21 October 1953 at Garrett, DeKalb County, Indiana, to Charles Anthony Hathaway born 11 January 1925 and Beverly Aldrich Hathaway born 12 March 1929 at Hamilton, Indiana. Rhonda went to school at J. E. Ober Elementary School and graduated from Garrett High School in 1971. She has worked at the Garrett State Bank as a Cashier and Vice President. She is a member of the Gold Wing Road Rider's Association and enjoys riding motorcycles, collecting cars, and raising dogs.

Gregory went to Elementary School at J. E. Ober and graduated from Garrett High School 1974. He also went to school at Ivy Tech and gained a degree in Maintenance Tech. Gregory has worked in machine repair and was a skilled trade's representative at Eaton Corporation He is a member of the Eagles, Gold Wing Road Rider's Association, V-Community Action Program, and a member of the United Auto Workers. He enjoys riding motorcycles and collecting cars.

Submitted by Gregory Lee Haynes

Benjamin (Bejamine) Haynes

Benjamin (Bejamine) Haynes was born 20 February 1790 in the state of Maryland. He was a farmer.

Benjamin married 10 August 1811 in Ravenna, Portage County, Ohio, to Christiana "Jenny" Boosinger (b. 18 September 1972 in Virginia). Her parents are Conrad Boosinger and Catherine Yancer.

Benjamin and Christian "Jenny" had eleven children: Alminy (b. 24 April 1812), Samuel S. (b. 01 August 1813 Summit County, Ohio), Ruth (born 23 July 1815), Joseph (b. 1820 maybe), Julian (b. 24 September 1820), Daniel (b. 27 October 1823), Deliah (b. 22 December 1825), Rachael (b. 25 July 1827), Mary Jane (b. 22 January 1831 Ohio), Napolean (b. 02 July 1833 Ohio), Elijah Haynes (b.13 July 1835 Ohio)

Benjamin died 01 October 1865 and is buried in Sixteen Cemetery, DeKalb County. Jenny died 09 August 1888 in St. Joe, DeKalb County, and is buried in the Christian Union Cemetery.

Submitted by Rita K. Nichols

Egbert Morenci Haynes

Egbert Morenci Haynes was born 23 October 1846 in Richland Township, DeKalb County. He was a farmer. His parents were Samuel S. Haynes and Marian Meed.

Egbert married 05 May 1867 at Lisbon, Noble County Indiana to Barbara Ann Eisenberg (11 January 1852 in Ohio. Her parents were William Jones Eisenberg and Barbara Ann Adolpher.

Their five children were: Martha Rozelda Haynes (b. 02 September 1868), William Henry Haynes (b. 25 November 1871, Richland Township), Lydia Dell Haynes (b. 19 March 1877, DeKalb County), Clara Elcy (b. 20 April 1881, DeKalb County), Vesta Ellen Haynes (b. 03 April 1886 d. 13 November 1888, DeKalb County).

Barbara died 01 May 1919 in DeKalb County and is buried in Christian Union Cemetery. Egbert died 05 June 1934 in

Garrett, DeKalb County. He is buried in the Christian Union Cemetery.

Submitted by Rita K Nichols

See picture below

Sitting: Egbert M. Haynes and Barbara Ann Eisenberg Haynes
Standing: l to r Lydia Dell, William Henry, Clara Elcy, Martha Rozelda

Samuel S. Haynes

Samuel S. Haynes was born 01 August 1813 in Summit County, Ohio. His parents were Benjamin Haynes and Christiana Boosinger. He was a farmer.

He was married 22 February 1837 in Ohio to Marian Meed (b. 01 January 1817 in Vermont). Marian's parents are Julius Meed and Marian Bain. Marian died 11 April 1898 and Samuel died 23 August 1898 DeKalb County. They are buried in the Christian Union Cemetery.

They had ten children: Julia L. Haynes (b. 1838 Ohio), George Benjamin (b. 18 January 1841 Ohio), Charles Samuel (b. 17 February 1843 Indiana), Lorenzo Dow (b. 27 November 1844 Indiana), Egbert M. (b. 23 October 1846 Indiana), Tryphena C. (b. 17 June 1848 DeKalb County), Freeman E. (b. 1850 d. 1860), Frank "Perry" (b. 1853 Indiana), Alfred Gerome (b. 09 April 1856 Indiana), Chloe K. (b. 30 October 1857 DeKalb County).

Submitted by Rita K. Nichols

Carl Herman Heinzerling

Carl Herman Heinzerling and Pluma Conley

Carl Herman Heinzerling (1881- 26 January 1950) came to Garrett, Indiana, in 1892 from Sandusky, Ohio. His parents were born in Germany. With his widowed mother, he lived upstairs at 618 South Franklin Street in the home of an older daughter's family, the Grischkes.

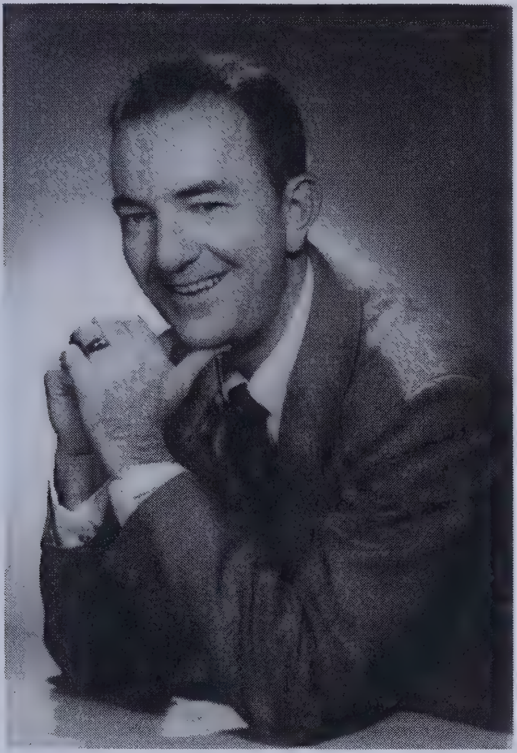
When Carl was 11, he was apprenticed to the Lumans to be a tinsmith. By 1907 he had become a partner in what had been Garrett's first hardware, with John Coffinberry. He built a house at 404 South Franklin Street for his bride, Pluma Conley, whom he married May 1907. Pluma was born 19 May 1885 west of Avilla to John and Emma Strouse Conley and died in 1983. She collected bills for one of the first telephone companies owned by the Van Fleet family. She made her rounds with a horse and buggy and lived on South Cowen Street with a Hart family. There was one child born to this marriage, Harry DeKalb. Carl was very prominent in the community. He was an avid sportsman, organizing local hunting and shooting events. He raised champion bird dogs. He was national champion in amateur blue rock (trap) shooting. Heinzerlings had a summer cottage at Lake Wawasee and he and his Garrett neighbors and friends invented and tested wooden fishing lures. Three of them, Carl, George Schulthess and Henry Dills, started Creek Chub Bait Company. It became one of the premier lure companies of the world, and owned many patents for innovations in manufacture and painting. Millions were produced. Creek Chub retains its fame and prestige as collectible artificial lures almost thirty years after its sale.

Carl was particularly associated with the order of Masons. He was active and became a 32nd Degree Mason early. He was awarded the national honor of the 33rd Degree, going to Boston in 1949 to receive this degree.

Carl was president of the Chamber of Commerce as well as the Business Men. He served years on the Garrett School Board and on the Board of the Garrett State Bank.

The Heinzerlings were members of the Garrett United Methodist Church. As a child, Carl had belonged to the German Reformed Church in the 300 block of South Cowen Street and had attended the Lutheran Parochial School. Pluma was a member of the Harmony Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star.

Submitted by Thais Heinzerling



Harry DeKalb Heinzerling

Harry and Thais Hamilton Heinzerling

Harry DeKalb Heinzerling (b. 29 April 1908 d. 1999) and Thais Hachet Hamilton (b. 1911) were both born in homes on Franklin Street at Garrett, Indiana. His parents were Carl and Pluma Connelly Heinzerling.

Harry D. Heinzerling graduated from Garrett High School in 1926. He attended Culver Military Academy, DePauw and Indiana Universities. He worked at Heinzerling Hardware from his youth and was with his father there until it sold in 1950. He then became Sales Manager of Creek Chub Bait Company on East Keyser Street and Lures, Inc. on Quincy Street and a branch factory at Ashley, Indiana. During his tenure, the baits were distributed to 39 countries and were sold by the millions in the United States.

Harry was prominent in the local business community. He started and was president of the Junior Chamber of Commerce when a very important exposition was held in Garrett by the area muck crop farmers. He went through the offices of the Chamber of Commerce. He was a 32nd degree Mason. He was the single largest stockholder at the Garrett State Bank and served on the board of directors for almost fifty years.

The Heinzerlings were charter members of the Summit Club in Fort Wayne. Harry was a member of the Garrett School Board for twelve years during the consolidation with Butler and Keyser Townships. During that time, he also served as regional chairman, attending several national conventions. He became Indiana State President of the School Board Association.

Harry was a life long fisherman, of course. He was a high school athlete and went to state as a member of the relay sprinters. He was an avid golfer and played in several state tournaments and twice qualified for the national championships.

Harry DeKalb Heinzerling and Thais Hamilton married 13 July 1929 in Goshen, Indiana. The Heinzerlings had three daughters, Gretel Smith, Katrina Custer, and Johanna Gordon-Byanski. There are twenty grandchildren, twenty eight great grandchildren, and three great great grandchildren. The three Heinzerling sons are Carl Hans who died 23 May 1991, Harry Derek, and Franz DeKalb.

Thais Hamilton Heinzerling was born 1911 to C. Blaine Hamilton and Margaret Hachet Hamilton and graduated at Garrett in 1929. She attended Harvard University. She has been active all her life in local clubs and charities. She has been a Tri Kappa for 75 years. Her interests have included sewing, Embroidery Guild and Quilt Guild. Thais was one of three incorporators of the very successful DeKalb County United Way.

Harry and Thais resurrected the DeKalb County Historical Society. At the same time, Thais had initiated a one person effort to save the Cedar Chapel Covered Bridge, scheduled to be burned. She appeared on television and radio and got wide recognition in newspapers, including the Chicago Tribune. She was waylaid by a long illness and the campaign was finished by John Martin and Bobbi Smith. The bridge has been rebuilt at Conner Prairie Farm north of Indianapolis.

The Heinzerlings were two of the seven founders of the Garrett Historical Society. They have supported the Garrett Library. They contributed to the old Sacred Heart Hospital, serving as chairmen of the committee to try to save it before it closed in 1978. Thais served as secretary of the Garrett Community Hospital Board for 19 years.

The Heinzerlings moved in 1961 to a house built in 1835 by the Simon family, pioneers in Noble and DeKalb Counties and related through the Simon line of Thais' father, C. Blaine Hamilton. They have remained devoted Garrett citizens.

The Anniversary Plates

The Hilkey and Freeman Families

The plates pictured are referred to by the Hilkey family as “The Anniversary Plates.” They were part of a set of dishes used by Martha (Dancer) Freeman, the mother of Rosanna M. (Freeman) Hilkey.

Martha (Dancer) and Edmund Freeman were married on 14 September 1832, and celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary at their farm in DeKalb County, in 1882. They were the first generation to use the plates on their Golden Anniversary.

Four generations of Hilkeys, all of DeKalb County, used the plates on their Golden Wedding Anniversary.

After Rosanna M. (Freeman) Hilkey was married, the plates were passed on to her. Rosanna and Amos Hilkey used the plates on 24 December 1915; the second generation to celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary.

Howard Hayes and Emma Christian (Bartels) Hilkey, was the third generation to use the plates on 03 August 1948, in Waterloo, Indiana.

The fourth generation to celebrate their Golden Wedding and use the plates was Ferman Cecil and Vera Estella (Buss) Hilkey on 18 June 1971 in Auburn, Indiana.

The fifth generation to use the plates on their Golden Wedding was Richard Eugene and Marilyn Lou (Darby) Hilkey of Auburn on 25 October 2002.

Ferman Cecil Hilkey, Sr. and Vera Estella Buss Hilkey

Ferman Cecil Hilkey, Sr., a son of Howard Hayes and Emma Christina (Bartels) Hilkey, was born on 09 September 1900 in DeKalb County, Auburn, Indiana.

He married Vera Estella Buss on 18 June 1921 in Auburn, Indiana.

Vera Estella Buss, a daughter of Isaac Henry and Effie Pearl (Imhoff) Buss was born on 04 March 1900 in DeKalb County, Indiana and died on 23 July 1988 in Auburn, Indiana.

Vera Estella Buss Hilkey and Ferman Cecil Hilkey, Sr.

Ferman Cecil Hilkey, Sr. and Vera Estella Buss Hilkey

Ferman's education consisted of attending No. 9 Jackson Township School and Harrison High School in Auburn.

Ferman Cecil Jr. and Vera Estella (Buss) Hilkey had children: Ferman Cecil, Garcile Virginia, and Richard Eugene.

Ferman Cecil Hilkey, Jr. was born in Highland Park, Michigan on 05 March 1957 and died on 29 April 1998 in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Garcile Virgina Hilkey was born 29 September 1929 in Auburn, Indiana. She attended and graduated from Waterloo High School in Waterloo, Indiana. Garcile married Max John Fee 15 November 1947 in Waterloo, Indiana. Max John Fee, a son of Earl and Hazel (Stoy) Fee was born 29 January 1927 in Waterloo, Indiana and died 02 December 2000 in Auburn, Indiana.

Richard Eugene Hilkey was born 13 October 1931 in DeKalb County, Auburn, Indiana. Richard married Marilyn Lou Darby 25 October 1952.

Submitted by Richard Eugene Hilkey

Amos Hilkey and Rosanna M. Freeman

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Upon returning from the war, Amos entered employment on the Edmond W. Freeman farm and soon after, on 24 December 1865 married Rosanna M. Freeman, the daughter of Edmond Freeman. He remained in the employment of Mr. Freeman for six years and then bought eighty acres of land on the same section (30), where he had a comfortable and happy home.

Upon retiring from farming, Amos and Rosanna moved to Phillips Street, Auburn, Indiana. On 24 December 1915, they celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary becoming the second generation to use the Hilkey Anniversary Plates.

Amos lived until 27 September 1922 and Rosanna died 11 July 1932.

The eleven children of Amos and Rosanna Hilkey, all born in DeKalb County, Indiana are: Edmond Morton, Martha Susanna, Daniel Burch, Elmer Linas, Mary Jane, Howard Hayes, Alvin Amos, Bessie Adelia, Jessie Orange, Edith Branch, and Francis Nelvin.

Edmond Morton Hilkey born 27 September 1866. He married Addie C. Lightcap, also of DeKalb County on 05 June 1889. Edmond and Addie had three children: Dale Harrison born 18 October 1892, Herbert and Esther. After the death of Addie, he married Alta H. Votrie on 09 March 1901.

Edmond Morton Hilkey was a first Sergeant in Co. K, 157th Regiment Indiana Volunteer Infantry. The DeKalb County Boys were mustered into the service of the United States on 10 May 1898 for the Spanish-American War and was mustered out 01 November 1898. Edmond died 29 December 1944 in Dalton, Ohio.

Martha Susanna Hilkey was born 29 June 1868. She married Christopher C. Grimm 24 December 1891 in DeKalb County. They had one child, Mary Gladys. Martha died 11 November 1895 in DeKalb County.

Daniel Burch Hilkey was born 27 February 1871 and died 11 November 1875 in DeKalb County.

Elmer Linas Hilkey was born 23 April 1873 and was married three times. (1) Nina Feagler September 1896. They had no children. (2) Ida A. Bowen 10 March 1900. (3) Alma Floy Metcalf 25 April 1914. Alma died 11 September 1967 in DeKalb County. Elmer died 27 July 1956 in DeKalb County.

Mary Jane Hilkey was born 07 March 1875. She married Calvin James Graves 23 June 1897 and died 06 April 1939.

Howard Hayes Hilkey was born 05 August 1876. He married Emma Christina Bartels also of DeKalb County on 03 August 1898. Howard Hayes died 06 June 1959 in Pontiac, Michigan. Emma Christina died 03 December 1950 in Highland Park, Michigan.

Alvin Amos Hilkey was born 24 November 1878 and died 01 August 1880.

Bessie Adelia Hilkey was born 01 February 1880 and died 08 January 1893.

Jessie Orange Hilkey was born 16 October 1881. He married Ursula Nevada Balliet 04 November 1904 in DeKalb County. They had four children: Harold Balliet Hilkey born 05 November 1905, Myrth Naomi Hilkey born 23 March 1907, Trent Verling Hilkey born 20 April 1909, Blaine Lamar Hilkey born 19 July 1911. Jessie died 26 August 1924 in DeKalb County. Ursula Navada died 29 July 1911 in DeKalb County.

Edith Branch Hilkey was born 11 May 1883 and died 07 September 1883 in DeKalb County.

Francis Nelvin Hilkey was born 19 October 1884 and died 22 October 1917 in DeKalb County. He never married.

Emma Christina Bartels and Howard Hayes Hilkey

Howard Hayes Hilkey and Emma Christina Bartels

Howard Hayes Hilkey, a son of Amos and Rosanna M. (Freeman) Hilkey was born 05 August 1876 in DeKalb County, Indiana. He married Emma Christina Bartels, a daughter of Frederick C. and Marie (Baack) Bartels 03 August 1898 in Auburn, Indiana.

Howard Hayes and Emma Christina (Bartels) Hilkey had nine children, who were all born in DeKalb County: Mabel Delorise Hilkey born 22 November 1898; Ferman Cecil Hilkey born 09 September 1900; Hilda Florede Hilkey born 27 March 1905; Ethel Bowena Hilkey born 02 November 1907; Infant born 14 November 1910 and died two days later; Dorothy May Hilkey born 01 June 1912; Bessie Irene Hilkey born 07 August 1915; Eugene Bernerd Hilkey born 10 November 1916; Eveline M. Hilkey born 26 November 1919.

Emma Christina Bartels Hilkey was born 07 March 1880 in DeKalb County and died 03 December 1950 in Highland Park, Michigan.

Howard Hayes died 06 June 1956 in Pontiac, Michigan.

Howard Hayes and Emma Christina (Bartels) Hilkey was the third generation to celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary, 03 August 1948 in DeKalb County and to use "The Anniversary Plates."

Submitted by Richard Eugene Hilkey

John Ephraim Hilkey and Susanna Anthony

John Ephraim Hilkey, a son of George and Barbara (Koltz) Hilkey was born 16 October 1816 in Frederick County, Maryland. When he was a small boy, he moved with his parents to Ashland County, Ohio.

When John Ephraim grew to manhood, he married Susanna Anthony on 29 February 1839 and became identified with DeKalb County, Indiana, March 1846 by locating near Spencerville, Indiana.

Notwithstanding that he passed the age which required him to perform military service, he enlisted in Company L, Second Indiana Calvary as a private October 1862 and served fourteen months. He was sent to Nashville, Tennessee, and on 14 September 1863 died of dysentery and is buried in the National Cemetery at Nashville, Tennessee.

Susanna, his wife, survived him until 16 October 1875 and is buried in DeKalb County.

John Ephraim and Susanna had eleven children of which seven were born in DeKalb County, Indiana.

The older four boys were born in Ohio. They were George W. born in 1840; Frances born in 1842; Amos born in 1843 and Daniel born in 1845. The seven children that were born in DeKalb County, Indiana were: Abraham and John E. (twins) born in 1848 and they died in infancy, James A. born 12 April 1850; Benjamin Franklin born 05 November 1851; Samuel H. born 05 November 1854; Mary E. 25 October 1856; Charles Bennett 03 July 1859 who died at the age of 15.

Of the eleven children, John Ephraim had three sons who also served in the military.

George W. Hilkey enlisted in 1862 in Co. D, 88th Ind. Infantry, giving his age as 21 but was discharged for disability. After his recovery, he re-enlisted at Indianapolis, Indiana, in Co. H., 152nd Ind. V. I. His final discharge was granted on 04 September 1865.

Amos Hilkey enlisted on 11 August 1862, at Indianapolis, Indiana, as a Private in Co. D. 88th Ind. V. I. 1st Div., 14th A. C. He received his Honorable Discharge 6 June 1865.

Daniel Hilkey enlisted on 05 November 1864 as a Substitute Volunteer Enlistment for

William Shutt of Concord Township, DeKalb County, Indiana. He enlisted as a merger of the Co. E., 30th Ind. V. I. for one year. On 05 November 1865, Daniel was mustered out at Victoria, Texas by reason of expiration of term of service.

Submitted by Richard Eugene Hilkey

Richard Eugene Hilkey and Marilyn Lou Darby Hilkey

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Richard Eugene Hilkey was born 13 October 1931 in DeKalb County, Auburn, Indiana.

While attending Waterloo High School, on 10 July 1950 Richard Eugene enlisted in the United States Air Force. He received his basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas, and his Aircraft and Engine Mechanic training at Cal-Aero Technical Institute at Grand Central Air Terminal, Glendale, Los Angeles County, California. He was then stationed at March Air Force Base at Riverside, California.

On 25 October 1952, Richard married Marilyn Lou Darby, a daughter of Charles Howard and Iva M. (Shammel) Darby. She was born 20 September 1933 in Butler, Indiana. Marilyn graduated from Butler High School in 1951 and then attended Hanover College before traveling to California to marry Richard on the March Air Force Base. They remained at March Air Force Base until his Honorable Discharge in July of 1954.

After his discharge, Richard and Marilyn returned to DeKalb County, Indiana, until 1959. In 1959, they moved to Michigan. They next moved to Key West about 1972 and then back to DeKalb County in 1977.

Two of their three children were born in DeKalb County, Indiana. The three children were: Leslie Corinne, Kevin Eugene, and Sara Beth.

Leslie Corinne Hilkey was born 27 March 1955 and married Craig Dennis Crowe of Madison heights, Michigan on 31 March 1978. They have three children of which one was born in DeKalb County.

Kevin Eugene Hilkey was born 27 March 1957 and married Kathy Sue Dunn of Paducah, Kentucky, on 16 September 1985.

Sarah Beth Hilkey was born in Royal Oak, Michigan on 30 August 1966. She married Joseph James Millspaugh, Sr., a son of Robert Emerson and Willidene Ruth (Crowl) Millspaugh of DeKalb County. Two of their three children were born in DeKalb County. Their children were: Joseph James, Jr. "J. J." born in 1983; Jessica Annemarie Millspaugh born in 1990; Jacob Alexander Millspaugh born in 1996 in Allen County, Indiana.

Submitted by Richard Eugene Hilkey

Nora Belle (Shoemaker) Hipp

Nora Belle Shoemaker was born 16 January 1879 in Waterloo, Indiana, to Harriet Cordelia (Miser) and Henry Thomas Shoemaker. She married Fredrick David Hipp 04 July 1900 in Auburn. He was the son of

Johann George Hipp & Elizabeth Anna Katherine Louise Repphun.

Three children were born to this union: Doneldia Harriet Louise, Otto George Kenneth and Raymond Fredrick Hipp.

Doneldia Harriet Louise was born 15 April 1901 in Auburn and married Arthur Franklin Stallbaum on 23 or 25 June 1923. She died in California 30 March 1983 and is buried in Toledo Memorial Park, Sylvania, Ohio.

Otto George Kenneth Hipp was born 14 January 1904 in Defiance, Ohio. Otto married Anita Vanlandingham on 03 May 1926. He died 16 October 1979 and is buried in Toledo Memorial Park, Sylvania, Ohio.

Raymond Fredrick Hipp was born 27 Jan 1907 in Cardington, Ohio. Raymond married Eunice Pauline Meyers on 18 Aug. 1934. He died 15 December 1951 and is buried in Toledo Memorial Park, Sylvania, Ohio.

Submitted by Irene Olney

James "Myles" Hixson and Phyllis Alberta (Smith) Hixson

James "Myles" and Phyllis Alberta (Smith) Hixson

James "Myles" (1914-1995) and Phyllis Alberta (Smith) Hixson (1915-2000) resided in Butler Township, 3 1/2 miles south of Garrett, Indiana. Myles was born 25 August 1914 to Forrest A. and Amanda L. (Houser) Hixson. There were two older daughters, Mary K. (Hixson) Noel and Belva H. (Hixson) Buchmeier Nixon. Phyllis Hixson was the fourth child of Carl A. and D. Ethel (Barrone) Smith of Garrett. Mrs. Hixson's siblings included Buford C. and Delmar O. Smith, Dorothy (Smith) Brandmo, Eunice (Smith) Sherrick, and Cleo (Smith) Talley.

Myles attended Butler Center Grade School, while Phyllis attended Will Franks elementary in Garrett. They graduated from Garrett High School in 1932 and 1935 respectfully. Mr. Hixson served for a short time in the U.S. Navy prior to marriage. The couple married 09 November 1934 and to this union were born, Spencer (deceased at birth), Larry J. Hixson of Auburn, Norma I. (Hixson) Fry of Garrett, Linda L. (Hixson) Brumbaugh (deceased January 2001), Carl G. Hixson, Raymond A. Hixson both of Garrett and Connie Sue (Hixson) Clark of southwest of Avilla.

The first family farm owners were Myles' Scottish born great great-grandparents, James A. and Mary (McClellan) Reynolds. They traveled from Delaware, Pennsylvania, and Ohio before purchasing with cash the 200 acre Butler Township farm in September 1856. Here they lived in a small log cabin by a constantly flowing spring, a short distance from the present brick home, which was built in 1886. A widowed daughter, Mary Jane (Mrs. Aaron) Hixson and son, Bennett Hixson, had moved with them from Ohio and the farm was eventually transferred to them.

Bennett and wife, Sarah (Knott) became owners of the farm in latter year. They had daughters Tula (Hixson) Rhodes and Mable Hixson and son Forrest A. Hixson. Forrest married Amanda L. (Houser) Hixson in January 1901. Since Myles was the only son, he took over the farm in 1952, following his father's death. Over the years other generations living on the homestead included four married children, eight grand children and a great grandson (who was the 7th generation to have lived on the same farm). Two of Myles' sons, Raymond and Carl, currently have 150 and 50 acres of the farm divided between them.

Myles was a farmer but worked on the B&O Railroad until retirement in 1963. A gravel operation was opened in the 1920's on the farm. He took over the gravel pit in 1956 and it became Hixson Sand and Gravel. All three sons became owners/operators of the business after their parents' passing. There also are currently five of Myles' grandchildren employed at this family business.

Mrs. Hixson participated in the Butler Township Home Extension and Ladies Aid association of the local Methodist Church. She was a member of the Garrett Presbyterian Church, where they both attended in later years. She also participated in the Presbyterian Women's Monthly Bible Study. Over the years, Mr. Hixson was a member of several boards, namely LaOtto Farmers and Merchants Bank, DeKalb Zoning Commission, Butler Township Advisory and Cedar Creek Cemetery, Inc. Boards. Memberships included Eagles, Elks, and Moose Lodges. They both were precinct committee persons for many years.

Submitted by Norma Fry

Ruth Magdalena Friend and Elden E. Hohman

Ruth Magdalena Friend was born 12 March 1907 in DeKalb County, to Milo and Rosine "Rose" (Schurr) Friend at the home of her paternal grandparents, Norris and Susanna (Deter) Friend. She has a sister, Ethel (Friend) Hills, and a brother, Carl Friend. Ruth's education began at Corunna School and later, after her family moved to a farm, she attended the two-room West Richland School. His first three years of high school were obtained at the Corunna School, where they offered three years of secondary school. She completed her fourth and final years at the Kendallville High School, graduating in 1926. While attending school there, Ruth and her sister, Ethel, stayed with a classmate's grandfather during the week, doing housework for their room and board, and coming home on weekends.

Ruth M. Friend and Elden E. Hohman were married at the Methodist Church Parsonage in Waterloo on 12 May 1935. They are the parents of two children: Norma Jean, who married DeWayne Schlosser, and Allen LeRoy, who married Cheryl Gaff.

Elden was the son of Edward and Maudine (Deetz) Hohman. He was born 28 December 1911. Most of his childhood was spent in Noble County, where he attended Riley Grade School in Kendallville, until the eighth grade. Out of necessity, he was required to leave school to help financially at home. He worked at several factories in the area, one of them being the Auburn Automotive Company.

Ruth was employed at Messenger Corporation, Waterloo Canning Factory and Albright's One Stop. She attended the Methodist Church and at one time was a Sunday school teacher. As a young lady, she often played piano duets and sang with her sister, Ethel.

Elden and Ruth moved from Auburn to Corunna in 1948, where they remained for the balance of their life.

Elden died on 04 June 1970, at the age of fifty-eight and Ruth died on 21 February 1978, just shy of her seventy-second birthday. Both are buried in the Corunna Cemetery.

Submitted by Susanna Johnson

Albert Houser and Haidee Krontz

Albert Houser was born 03 October 1894 near Ari, Indiana. He lived at Pleasant Lake in Steuben County when he died. Albert Abraham Houser spent most of his life as a farmer in DeKalb County. His parents moved to a farm near Butler when he was a child. Albert was the son of Henry, born 06 April 1856 and Anna Charlotte (Hathaway) Houser born 28 December 1867 in Garrett. Henry and Anna were married on 18 November 1886. To this union were born eleven children: Ethel, Erma, Raymond (who died in infancy), Russell, Albert, Argyl, George Harold, Glen, Nathan, Fern and Frank. The paternal grandparents of Albert were Abraham Houser born 12 September 1822 in Pennsylvania and Elizabeth Ann Merica born 30 October 1833 in Champagne County, Ohio. They were married 27 January 1852 in Champagne County, Ohio. The maternal grandparents were Albert H. Hathaway born 09 May 1828 in Lake County, Ohio and Phoebe Haulk born 09 August 1838 in Adams County, Indiana. They were married on 25 December 1854.

Albert served in the First World War. When he received his discharge, he returned to the Butler area and was united in marriage to Haidee Krontz on 04 April 1920. Haidee, born 06 August 1903 was the daughter of Henry Krontz, born 01 August 1969 and Eliza Wyatt born 26 August 1876. Henry and Eliza were parents of ten children: Ethel, Glenn, Ralph, William Andrew, Hazel, Haidee, Inez, Virgil, Carl and Harold. Paternal grandparents of Haidee were William Krontz, born 05 March 1843 and Amanda Wineland born 10 April 1947 in Knox County, Ohio. William served in the Civil War as a private in Company A 88th Regiment Indiana Volunteers from 02 August 1862 until 07 June 1865. After his discharge, he returned home and was united in marriage on 30 July 1865 to Amanda. Her father was John Wineland born 03 December 1799 in Blair County, Pennsylvania. He was married several times and Amanda's mother's name is unknown.

Albert and Haidee lived near Butler on the Nimmons farm for several years and then moved to Union Township east of Auburn on county road 43 where they lived for twenty-seven years. In 1952, they bought a farm east of Pleasant Lake in Steuben County where they lived until Albert's death in 1964. In 1965, Haidee moved back to Auburn. She died in 1992. They are buried at Christian Union Cemetery, rural Garrett.

Albert and Haidee are the parents of seven children: Harold Albert, Lorna, Janet, Linford, Maurice, Larry, Mary.

Harold Albert married Beatrice Hull and they reside in Phoenix, Arizona and are the parents of two children. Lorna lives in Auburn and has one daughter. Janet married Harland Smith and they are the parents of two daughters and live near Crooked Lake in Steuben County. Linford is married to Sara Stahl. Linford has four sons and he and Sara live in Auburn. Maurice married Amy Wagner and they have four children. Maurice and Amy live near Pleasant Lake. Larry married Shirley Fifer and they have four children and live near Hamilton. Mary is married to Roger Morrison and they have three daughters. Roger and Mary live in Auburn.

The original biography of the Houser family was published on page 472 Volume Two and has been revised and updated.

Submitted by Amy Houser

Ricky Houser family

Brent & Ayshie Houser, Mat and Janel Jacobs, Ricky Houser, Helen Wilson.

Picture to the right of group: Jaclyn Jacobs, a later addition to the family.

Ronald Devon Houser and Ricky Lu Wilson

Ronald Devon Houser was born 15 March 1945 in Souder Hospital, Auburn, Indiana. He was the son of Jack Devon and Iris (Best) Houser, of Butler, Indiana. His paternal grandparents were Glen Houser of Ari, near Avilla, and Reva (Houtz) Houser of Huntington County. His maternal grandparents were Simon and Esthel (Hill) Houser, of Westfield, Illinois.

Ricky Lu Wilson was born 25 October 1944 in Souder Hospital, Auburn, Indiana, the daughter of Helen (Olds) Wilson and 1st Sergeant Richard Keith Wilson, who was serving with the 778th Tank Battalion in France in World War II. Ricky was one year and one week when her father returned. Her paternal grandparents were John Hubert and Esta (Keller) Wilson. Her maternal grandparents were James Ernest and Clarissa (Poper) Olds.

Ronald and Ricky married 06 June 1964, in the Butler Church of Christ, by Brother Ronald Fox.

Ronald attended grade school at Mooresville and he and Ricky graduated with the last class of Butler High School in 1963.

Ronald, an employee of Warner Gear, Auburn, entered the service 15 November 1966, serving in Korea, thirteen months with the U.S. Army, being discharged 14 November 1968, continuing his employment at Warner and then Auburn Gear. He was also engaged in farming. Ronald continued to work at Auburn Gear and farm. He collapsed and died at home on 17 August 1992 at the age of 47. He is buried in the Auburn Cemetery.

Ricky worked in the Marshall Clothing Company office, Butler, Credit Bureau office, Auburn, and was employed by the Butler Elementary School. She is presently employed at the Butler Public Library.

Ricky is a member of the Butler Church of Christ and assists in the children's department. She continues to live on the Houser farm near Butler, that she and her husband lived on.

Ronald and Ricky had a son, Brent, and a daughter, Janel Louise.

Their son, Brent Devon was born 01 February 1970 in Auburn. While in school, he was active in 4-H and FFA. He graduated from Eastside High School in 1988 and from Indiana Technical Training in Fort Wayne in 1989. He married Jenni Dunn on 17 May 1997. Their daughter, Ayshia Christine was born 12 March 1999. Now divorced, Brent works for Invisible Technology in Garrett, Indiana.

Their daughter, Janel Louise was born 04 May 1973. She graduated from Eastside High School in 1991 and Purdue University, Fort Wayne with a Bachelor of Communication Degree in 1997. She married Mat Jacobs of Butler on 08 March 1997. They have a daughter, Jaclyn May who was born 07 January 2004. Mat is a Master Electrician and works for Emrich Electric, Huntertown and Janel is employed by Nucor Building Systems, Waterloo. They reside in Auburn.

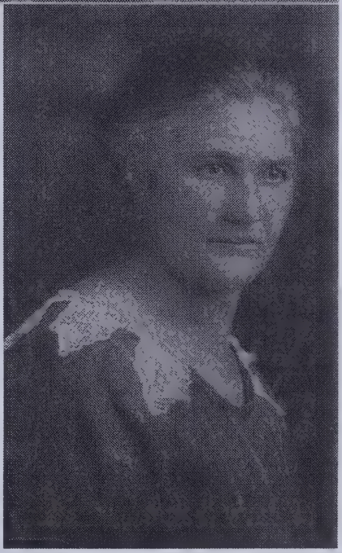
Submitted by Helen Wilson

Adam Hovarter

Adam was born 28 August 1852 in Franklin Township, DeKalb County, Indiana; died 05 February 1942 in Garrett, and was buried in Sixteen Cemetery, Richland Township, DeKalb County, Indiana. Adam's German heritage can be traced back to the first generation of Hovarter's (though there have been 16 various spellings of the name) to Johan Heinrich Hochwarter, born about 1678 in Switzerland; died 25 May 1763 in Thaleischweiler, Zweibrucken, Germany.

He married Anna Maria Zeilnerin, born about 1701 in Evangelisch, Marnheim, Pfatz, Germany. She died 30 August 1749 in Thaleischweiler, Zweibrucken, Germany.

Both are buried in the Lutheran Church Cemetery at Thaleischweiler.



Adam Hovarter with his first and second wives.

Top Picture: Mary Leins Hovarter, Adam Hovarter.

Left Picture: Amanda Olive "Ollie" Davis Pressler Hovarter

He was a baker, and they had five children, the third being….

Johann Valentin (Sr.) Hochwarter, born about 1710 in Thaleischweiler; died 28 February 1747/48 in Montgomery County, New Hanover, Pennsylvania. On 18 October 1736, he married Anna Christine Huettenmeyer, born 1709 in Neuenstein, Germany, the daughter of the High Count of Neuenstein. She died after 1760 in New Hanover, Pennsylvania. Both are buried in Falckner Swamp Church Cemetery, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania. His signature is recorded as signing an Oath of Allegiance to the Crown on 12 October 1741, the very day the couple and their three children sailed on the ship, "Friendship", from Rotterdam to Pennsylvania. Valentine was a baker also, and they settled in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania. They had lived in America only about seven years when he died, leaving a wife pregnant with their last child.

Three generations later, John (Johannes) Hovarter (Howerter) Sr. was born 03 November 1808 in Lebanon County, Pennsylvania; died 25 June 1889 in DeKalb County, Indiana.

He married Nancy Weirich 24 November 1835 in Wayne County, Ohio, daughter of John and Catherine Betsy (Rupp) Weirich. She was born 16 February 1814 in Lebanon County, Pennsylvania; died 01 April 1897 in DeKalb County, Indiana. Both are buried in Fairfield Cemetery.

John Hovarter, Sr. in his boyhood worked in his father's blacksmith shop. When he was 15, he was able to take the place of a journeyman and worked for his father until his majority. He then moved to Ohio and went into business for himself, buying a home in Sugar Creek, where he stayed for seven years.

In 1850, the family moved to DeKalb County, Indiana and bought 80 acres of wild land in Fairfield Township near Fairfield Center. He cleared the land, and in addition to caring for his farm he became the pioneer blacksmith for the township.

Due to his many years of upright and honorable dealing, he won the confidence and respect of all who knew him.

They were members of the United Brethren Church and had 13 children, the 9th being Adam Hovarter.

Adam married Mary Leins 10 December 1874 in Noble County, Indiana. She was born 1855 in Indiana and died of tuberculosis 29 March 1908 in Corunna, DeKalb County, Indiana.

They had six children: 1) Nancy Ann, born 17 May 1876 in Noble County, Indiana; died of a stroke on 15 January 1943.

2) John Wesley, born 23 May 1878 in Decatur, Wells County, Indiana; died 22 February 1956 in Fort Wayne, Allen County.

3) Frank William, born 16 March 1882 in Steuben County; died 14 January 1952 in Garrett, DeKalb County.

4) Alton M., born 19 May 1884 in Steuben County; died 27 October 1965 in Fort Wayne, Allen County

5) Jessie Belle, born January 1887 in Indiana; died after 1942 in Fort Wayne, Allen County.

6) Beulah B., born August 1891 in Indiana; died after 1942 in Fort Wayne, Allen County.

A year after his first wife passed away, Adam married Amanda Olive "Ollie" Davis Pressler on 04 February 1909 in DeKalb County, daughter of Reuben and Louisa (Maggert) Davis. She was born 06 December 1876 in Elkhart County, Indiana and died on her 78th birthday: 06 December 1954 in Garrett, DeKalb County. She is buried in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett, DeKalb County. The one child born of this marriage was Harry Dale, born 17 December 1914 in Richland Township, DeKalb County; died 15 December 2003 in Auburn. He is buried in the Corunna Cemetery, DeKalb County. A farmer all of his life, Adam started as a tenant farmer, so moved around fairly often (as was typical in those days) until 1907, when he moved to Richland Township, southwest of Corunna. He eventually purchased his own 60-acre farm there, where he lived until his death.

Submitted by Carolyn Stahl

Harry Dale Hovarter and Pauline Sherwood Hovarter

Harry Dale Hovarter

Harry Dale Hovarter was born 17 December 1914, in Richland Township, southwest of Corunna, where he lived his entire life and died 15 December 2003 in Auburn, DeKalb County. He was the only child of Adam Hovarter, born 28 August 1852; died 04 February 1942 at age 89 and Amanda Olive (Davis) Pressler Hovarter, born 06 December 1876; died 06 December 1954 on her 78th birthday. His paternal grandparents were John Sr. and Nancy (Weirich) Hovarter, farmers who had come from Ohio. They settled near Fairfield Center in Fairfield Township. *(For more information see Adam Hovarter History).*

His paternal great grandparents were Christian Howerter, born 12 April 1772; died 28 July 1859 and Juliana (Carmony) Howerter, born 17 March 1777; died 30 September 1831 all in Lebanon County, Pennsylvania. Also, John and Catherine (Rupp) Weirich were paternal great grandparents. His maternal grandparents were Reuben Davis, born 1846; died 1926 and Louisa (Maggert) Davis, born 1856; died 1926. Maternal great grandparents were Nathan and Pamela or Parmelia (Butt) Davis and Jesse and Rebecca Ann (Jones) Maggert. Reuben and Louisa were originally from the Kosciusko County area but were attracted to Garrett when the B & O Railroad was built.

Pauline Sherwood was born 03 October 1918, in a chicken coop which her family was using for a temporary housing on the farmstead in Smithfield Township, northwest of Waterloo. The house had burned and the new one was still under construction. Her parents were John Vangesbeck Sherwood, born 18 September 1875, died 10 February 1919, and Grace Anna (Conkey) Mills Sherwood, born 11 November 1876, died 05 May 1940. Her father died when she was but a year old, and her mother married Daniel J. Grogg, born 1868, also a farmer. The family continued to live in the Waterloo area.

Pauline's paternal grandparents were William Charles Sherwood, born 16 July 1841, in Marcellus, Onondaga County, New York, son of Amos Sherwood, born 14

April 1813, died 25 August 1895, and Mary Debra (Parsons) Sherwood, born 04 June 1845, died 03 July 1919, from Skaneateles, Onondaga County, New York, daughter of Elijah, born 02 February 1812, and Eliza C. Parson, born 04 April 1811. Her grandfather had one hundred sixty acres of land on the north side of US 6, just west of the present I-69 exit, but it was mostly covered with timber. He spent several winters clearing timber and returning to New York in the summers until 1871, when he moved here to stay.

Harry and Pauline attended one and two-room rural schools and Harry was a 1932 graduate of Garrett High School. A scholarly type with a theoretical, inventive, and scientific mind, he dreamed of becoming a chemist, but the financial woes of the Depression eliminated that possibility. He went into farming with his father so the family farm could be saved.

Harry and Pauline were married at Albion, Indiana, 01 August 1934. Both came from family backgrounds of creativity, his in music and hers in art.

Besides farming, Harry also worked for the schools, first as a bus driver and later as a custodian for the Richland Township Schools. As mergers and DeKalb Central consolidation came, he continued to drive the bus and served as head custodian at McKenney-Harrison and later Waterloo Elementary until his retirement from driving in May 1979 and from his custodial position the following year. Supporters of various school activities, the couple attended the musicals, dramas, concerts, fund-raisers, and the sports events, though Pauline could get more enjoyment from sporting events by listening to the radio play-by-play accounts.

Harry had a history as a sports enthusiast. Indeed, he organized the first adult baseball leagues serving DeKalb, Noble and Steuben Counties in the late 1940's, which came to be known as the Northeast Indiana Baseball League. He set aside an area in one of his farm fields and developed a playing diamond where games were played each week. He was instrumental in establishing a baseball diamond at the south edge of Corunna so players of all ages would have a nice playing field. It is still heavily used today.

Besides their interest in community and school affairs, both were active in politics. Harry was a Republican Precinct Committeeman and party worker for years. They attended Maple Grove United Methodist Church and were the parents of two children: John Dale Hovarter, born 05 May 1935, who graduated from Tri-State College with a degree in Mechanical Engineering and is currently retired, he spent the last few years working for Sheller-Globe and United Technologies, Grabill. He had worked for International Harvester, Fort Wayne, until the plant closed.

Their second child, Carolyn Sue (Hovarter) Stahl, born 23 June 1939, who completed her Masters in English, Sociology, and Counseling and Guidance from Indiana University, Bloomington, and Psychology from Saint Francis University, Fort Wayne, Indiana. For 30 years she was affiliated with DeKalb Junior High (now DeKalb Middle School) as a teacher, guidance counselor and Guidance Director for the last 11 years of service.

Pauline Hovarter died 02 June 1983 and lays at rest in the Corunna Cemetery. Harry remained at the residence and became an excellent cook and gardener. He continued to be a loyal fan of the Cubs and area athletics, with basketball his favorite. An ardent IU fan, he traveled to Bloomington for many home games. After suffering multiple strokes in January 2001, he was unable to walk, so lived at Wesley Healthcare until his death on 15 December 2003, just 28 hours short of his 89th birthday. He is buried with Pauline in the Corunna Cemetery.

Submitted by Caroline Stahl

Jason Hubble and Lydia Hosmer

Jason Hubble and his wife, the former Lydia Hosmer obtained a farm on higher ground, northwest, above the swampy lands about Butler (formerly Jarvis) Indiana. The property was obtained in a sheriff's sale 10 September 1840 by Lydia's older brother, Judge Henry Hosmer of Medina, Ohio. A brother of Henry and Lydia, Chester Hosmer also owned property in DeKalb County. Chester sold part of his property to the Railroad.

Jason was born in Litchfield, Connecticut in 1792, the second of seven children born to Epharam and Annis (Carter) Hubble.

Lydia Hosmer was born in Southwick, Massachusetts in 1804 to William and Elizabeth (Barker) Hosmer.

Jason and Lydia were married in Medina County, Ohio, 1823 and moved onto the farm in DeKalb County in 1854. To them were born ten children: William Homer (b. 1824), Mary Jane (b. 1826), Robert Emmet (b. 1827), Laura Ann (b. 1829), Lucy Emeline (b. 1830), Harriet Frances (b. 1831), Orson Jason (b. 1834), Harrison Booge (b. 1836), Lydia Alice (b. 1842), and Candice Corinthia (b. 1847).

They owned besides the farm a wool business and building in downtown Butler. Jason would sell the farm to the Sattison family in 1872 and not long after, Jason passed away, in September 1874.

Lydia platted an up class subdivision, in her name, on the south side of the railroad tracks with attempts to develop with the growing city.

Lydia would pass away in 1892, while with a daughter, and was buried in Santa Barbara, California.

The Hubble Family can be traced back before the mid 1500's Worchester, England. With branches from royalty, the Hosmer Family can also be traced into Sussex, England.

Daughter, Mary Jane Hubble, would marry Jason Cherry and live on the southeast acres of the original farm.

A son, Orson Jason Hubble, would go into politics and was successful in the Indiana State Legislature.

This branch of the Hubble family name disappeared from northeast Indiana by the early 1900's.

Submitted Ralph Campbell

H. Earl Husselman and
Delia B. Miller Husselman

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H. Earl Husselman was born 31 March 1891 in DeKalb County to Adam W. and Amy J. (McCague) Husselman. Adam grew up on the Auburn/Ashley road (Co. Rd. 27) north of Auburn, and later sold the family farm to his son, Earl, and daughter-in-law.

On 19 January 1919, Earl was united in marriage to Delia B. Miller, daughter of Henry and Jenora (Spindler) Miller. Delia was born 06 August 1896 in DeKalb County and passed away 29 January 1985. Earl passed away 07 December 1970.

Earl enjoyed farming his entire life and in later years, served on the DeKalb County Fair Board as well as serving three terms as County Commissioner. Earl also was an avid writer, having written historical articles on early pioneer life and such in publications such as the *Shopper's Guide*.

Delia enjoyed visiting with family and friends, gardening, and raising chickens. Things remembered most of her was her pie making, her passive demeanor and sense of humor with her grandchildren, and talking about "cooking for thrashers". Delia also worked at Rieke Corporation for two years during the war.

Earl and Delia were members of the First Christian Church in Auburn and also Cedar Lake Church of Christ.

To this union, three children were born: Lloyd Warren born 03 January 1921, Bonnie Mae born 17 June 1923 and Betty Ruth born 16 April 1925. Lloyd married Ellen Rosenberry and had children: Sue and Wes. Bonnie married Martin Christlieb and had children, Marlene and Tom. Betty married Robert Dilgard.

Submitted by Scot Vincent

Lloyd Warren Husselman and Ellen Lorraine Rosenberry

Lloyd Warren Husselman was born 03 January 1921 in DeKalb County to H. Earl and Delia B. (Miller) Husselman. Lloyd grew up on the same farm his father grew to manhood on, two miles north of Auburn on the Auburn/Ashley road (County Road 27).

Ellen (Rosenberry) and Lloyd Husselman

Lloyd graduated from Waterloo High School where he was a member of the Future Farmers of America (F.F.A.) as well as the Commercial Club, graduating in 1942.

On 16 March 1951 he was united in marriage to Ellen Lorraine Rosenberry, daughter of Fred and Grace (Richey) Rosenberry. Ellen was born 21 September 1926 in DeKalb County and passed away 02 October 1990. Lloyd passed away 03 January 1996.

To this union, two children were born: Sue Ann born 30 December 1954 in DeKalb County and Wesley Allen born 02 April 1957 in DeKalb County. Sue married Randy Vincent and had children, Ryan and Scot. She later married Curtis Anderson.

In early 1957, Lloyd and Ellen moved their young family to the old Grogg farm on the Auburn/Ashley road and resided there until their death.

Lloyd enjoyed farming his entire life, and thoroughly loved his menagerie of animals, especially fowl. In 1968, Lloyd bought a

Harris have a son Lance Harris born in 2002. Bryan was born in 1987.

His sister, Ruth was born in 1958 and married Roy Searcy in 1979. They have two children: Tim was born in 1981 and Jackie was born in 1984. Ruth passed away from cancer in 2000.

Bruce graduated from Eastside High School in 1979. He was one of the original members of the Southwest DeKalb County Chamber of Commerce and served as its first president. He was also one of the original board members of the DeKalb County Visitor's bureau as representative of the southwest part of the county. Bruce served as president of the DeKalb County Historical Society and is a member of the DeKalb County Indiana Genealogy Society, the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Club, Rutherford B. Hayes Presidential Center, Concord United Methodist Church and The St. Joe Pickle Festival Committee. He is an Advisory board member of Concord Township. He also has served as a board member of the North Indiana United Methodist Historical Society.

Submitted by Bruce Johnson

Evelyn Heimach Johnson Family

See next page for biography

pair of young buffalo and began raising them, butchering a few in the following years. Twice the buffalo got loose from their fields during storms, but the sound and smell of a food bucket lured them back to their confinement. Lloyd was also employed at various places throughout his life, such as driving automobiles for Bassett Motor Sales from the factory to the dealership, Farm Bureau Chicken Hatchery in Auburn, Steckley's Hatchery in Kendallville, Crane Edmond Corporation in Butler and finally retiring from Stanadyne Inc. in Garrett.

In early years Ellen worked as a telephone operator in Auburn. Ellen enjoyed hosting small dinner gatherings for family and friends. During one of these dinners, Sue and Wes declared that they would like to have a pair of white mice during the conversation. Within a week afterwards, the gentleman that was present soon delivered the youngsters their request. Ultimately, the mice got loose upstairs in their bedrooms and dad had to crawl around with gloves on to catch them – not to his liking at all.

Lloyd and Ellen were members of the Nazarene church in Auburn, later changing their affiliation with Cedar Lake Church of Christ on the Auburn/Ashley road, raising their children as such.

Submitted by Scot Vincent

Bruce Johnson

Bruce Johnson was born in Auburn on 13 September 1960. He was the last of six children born to Robert and Juanita (Mitchener) Johnson.

His father, Robert was born 06 July 1908 in the DeKalb County Village of Concord. He was a WWII veteran serving in the European Theater. He was a farmer and mail carrier out of St. Joe. He passed away 22 May 1965 after a long illness.

His mother Juanita was born on 14 April 1923 in Auburn. She was a homemaker farm wife. She raised chickens and sold eggs for years. She later married Chancey Ringler on 18 December 1965. He was a farmer and owner of an RV business in Concord for 28 years. He died 15 January 1998.

Bruce's forebearers on his father's side were as follows. His grandfather was George and Geneva (Hull) Johnson. His great-grandparents were William and Rachel (Hayward) Johnson. His great great grandparents were Amariah and Jane (Wyatt) Johnson. His great great great grandparents were S. R. and Polly Hayward.

On his mother's side they were grandparents, Leone and Bonnie (Shilling) Mitchener. Great-grandparents were Ben and N. (Staymate) Mitchener and Sam H. and Maud (Stafford) Shilling. Great great great grandparents were Dan and Annette (Widney) Shilling. His great great great grandparents were Solomon and Ester (Breler) Shilling. Other great great-grandparents were William and Mary Jane (Walters) Stafford.

Bruce's siblings are: Daisy, Randy, Nolan, Doris and Ruth.

Daisy was stillborn in 1948.

Randy died at seven months in 1951.

Nolan was born in 1953. Nolan married Shirley Perlich in 1977. They in turn have two sons, Robert in 1980 and Ryan born in 1982. Robert married Stacey Amundson in 2004.

Doris was born in 1955. She married Robert Schoof in 1973. They have three children: Amy, April, and Bryan. Amy was born in 1974. Amy married Chris Haupert in 2003 and they have two children, Nicole born in 2003 and Taylor born in 2005. April was born in 1977. April and her partner Dave

Evelyn Heimach Johnson Family

In the 1987 edition of "DeKalb County Families" I left the story while I was still living at the family home on Morningstar Road with my sons Fred and Kevin, and working as the DeKalb County Nurse and Manager of the Health Department, from which I retired in 1994 after working there for fifteen years.

In 1981 I started to get on with my life after the death of my husband in 1977, and went to a Republican Party dinner with someone who was going to help me be a "Greeter", This was all the work of my attorney, Don Mefford and another friend. They did a great job, and after dating Cyrus Johnson for six years, I, Evelyn Heimach was married to Cyrus on 02 May 1987 in the Auburn Presbyterian Church with only family members present. We then had a party for all our family and friends at the Greenhurst Country Club. Cy's wife had passed away in 1979 and they had two children, Cynthia and Steven. Our marriage brought the grand total to eight children. As of this date we have eleven grandchildren. Cynthia is married to Frank Tomashefski and living in Hebron, Indiana. Steven married Sheila Nuckols and they live in Auburn in the country with their two daughters, Susan and Sarah. Steve works in Waterloo and Sheila works as a secretary at McKenney Harrison School.

My oldest child Sandra and her husband William Kurtz live in Nappanee. They have three boys; William, who is a senior at Indiana University South Bend Campus; Robert, who is a sophomore at Butler University in Indianapolis; and Thomas, who is a junior at Northwood High School and is number one singles on the tennis team. Sandy has been teaching for many years and Bill works as a controller for a company in Milford, Indiana.

William Heimach, my oldest son, works for Rieke Corporation and is married to Julia Duncan. She is the daughter of Dr. Frank Allan Duncan and the late Sigrid Duncan of Auburn, Indiana. They have two boys, Zachary, a senior and Nikolas, a sophomore at DeKalb High School. They both sing in the show choir "Classic Connection". Zach is on the soccer team and Nik is on the tennis team. They live in the Village of Duesenberg in Auburn, Indiana.

Second son Robert Heimach is minister of the Irvington Presbyterian Church in Indianapolis. Bob graduated from Notre Dame with a degree in finance and after working as a loan officer at Bank One in Dayton, Ohio for three years he decided to go to seminary and become a minister like his late father. He graduated from Louisville Presbyterian Seminary with a Bachelor of Divinity degree and served Churches in LaPorte and Bluffton, Indiana before moving to Indianapolis. They have a daughter Abigail, who is a junior at Franklin Central High School and a son Lawson, who is a freshman. They both sing in the show choir and Lawson was the only freshman picked for the varsity soccer team.

My youngest daughter Julie Hall, divorced from Bret Hall after seventeen years of marriage, married Stanley Haiflich in March 2000. She has two sons, Alexander and Erik Hall. Alex is a junior at Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana studying telecommunication and the music business. For the last three summers he has worked at “Six Flags” Amusement Park in Chicago, New Orleans and New Jersey as an entertainer; singing and dancing. He was in show choir in high school and frequently comes home to help them with their choreography. Erik is a senior at DeKalb High School and also in their show choir, “Classic Connection”. Julie graduated from Indiana University Fort Wayne Campus and teaches kindergarten in

Waterloo. Stanley has two sons, Joshua and Justin. Josh is married to Wendy Wonderly and they have two children, Gavin and Amelia. Gavin is in fourth grade and Amelia is three years old. They live in Garrett, Indiana and Justin lives near Auburn in the country. Justin has his own business and Josh works with his dad detailing and selling cars at "Best Deal" in Auburn.

Fred Heimach attended Huntington College for two years and then decided to join the work force. At the present time he is working in Waterloo and living in Auburn. He is not married.

Kevin graduated from Ivy Tech University and has been working at Cooper Standard Products for fifteen years. He purchased a home on Indiana Avenue extended and enjoys working on cars and helping others.

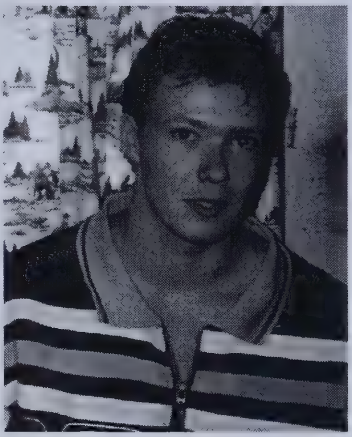
That brings us up to date for the Heimachs and Johnsons. Cy is active as a volunteer for the Red Cross, the Coast Guard Auxillary, and Emergency Management Agency as well as being a member of the Auburn Lions Club for over forty years. Evelyn is active as a volunteer and on the Board of Directors of the Council on Aging - Heimach Center. We are both active in our home church, the Auburn Presbyterian, and our church at the lake, Presbyterian Chapel of the Lakes. We have a villa-minium in the Village of Duesenberg and a home at Lake Gage and enjoy being at both places.

Submitted by Evelyn Heimach Johnson

Matthew "Matt" Alan Johnson

Matthew "Matt" Alan Johnson was born 13 September 1978 in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn, Indiana.

His parents are Keith Johnson and Deborah (Derrow) Hoover. His paternal grandparents were Vernon and Susanna (Nicholas) Johnson. His maternal grandparents were Walter Derrow and Judy Nichols. He has two sisters: Jamie Medellin and Jessica Johnson and one brother, Tyler Johnson.



Matt Johnson

He graduated from Garrett High School in 1996. After high school he worked at Rieke Corporation in Auburn.

He joined the Marines in September 2000.

He died in a car collision on 03 May 2003 at the age of 24 years.

Submitted by Susanna Johnson

Roy Junior Johnson

Roy Junior Johnson was born on 13 July 1943 in Goshen, Indiana. His parents were Vernon (b. 31 May 1920 in Chehalis, Washington) and Violet (Mock) Johnson (b. 28 July 1922 in Syracuse, Indiana and died 27 December 1950). Vernon later married Susanna (Nicholas) who still resides near Auburn.

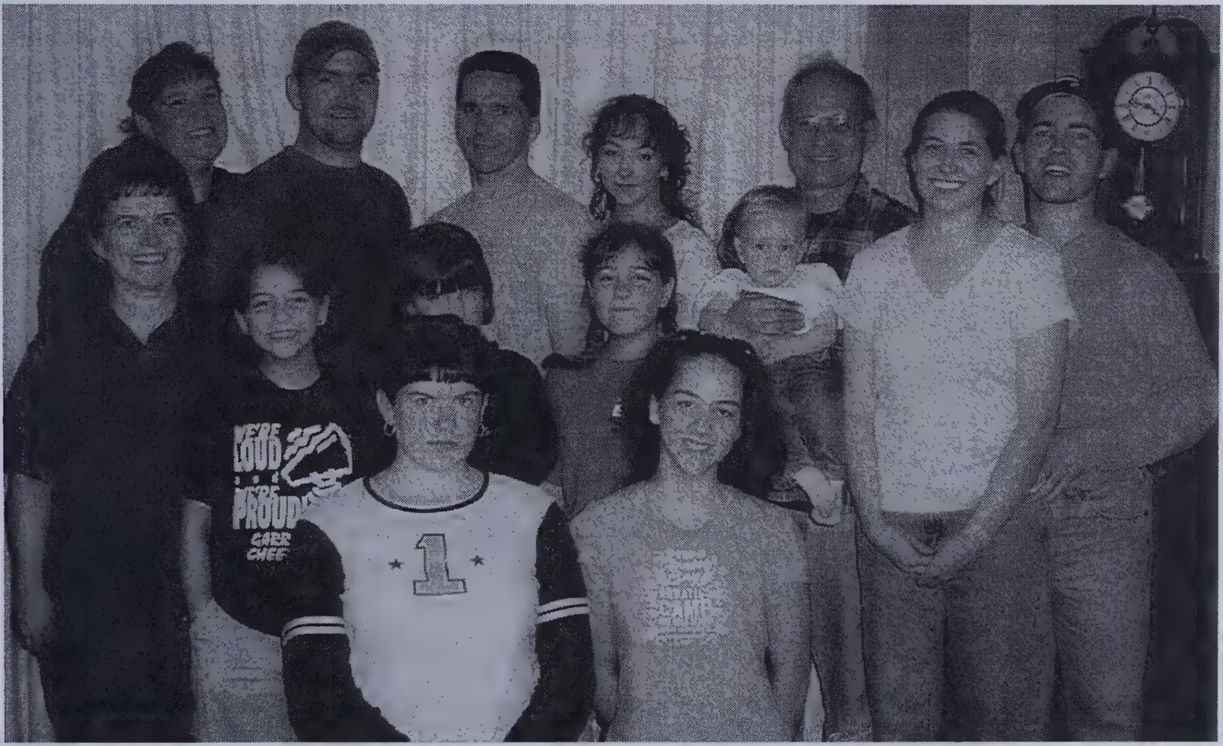
Roy attended elementary school in New Paris from 1949-56 and Auburn High School in Auburn. He graduated in 1961. He attended Marion College, now Indiana Wesleyan, for one year. He worked as an assembler at Dana Corporation in Auburn for 34 1/2 years and retired in 1999. He served in the Army Reserves for six years as a cook with a rank of specialist E-4. He served as a Boy Scout leader (Troop 169) for several years while his boys were members. He, also, worked with Big Brothers/ Big Sisters. He enjoys riding motorcycles, camping, hiking, and fishing.

Roy married Doris Littlefield, daughter of Hazel and Ray Littlefield of Waterloo, on 26 March 1967 and was divorced on 30 August 1973. During their marriage they had two boys, Michael (b. 15 February 1968 in Auburn) and Brian (b. 15 November 1970 in Auburn).

On 08 February 1975, Roy married Clarena Allen (b. 06 April 1947 in Garden City, Kansas, to Leroy and Melinda Alexander Allen). Clarena grew up in (Dodge City, Kansas, and graduated from high school there in 1965. She attended Anderson University (B. A. in Elementary Education), Ball State University (M. A. in Elementary Education), and University of St. Francis (Endorsement in Special Education). She worked as a special education teacher at Avilla School (East Noble School Corporation) until June of 2005 when she retired. Clarena was a church organist at two different churches, consecutively, in Auburn for several years, Cub Scout leader, and worked with Big Sisters. She enjoys sewing, doll and stamp collecting, camping, hiking, and fishing.

Kerry was born to Roy and Clarena on 14 July 1976. He lives in Ft. Wayne with his wife, Brooke (Spyker), and their two children, Noah and Abigail. Kerry was born in Fort Wayne and went to Garrett High School, where he was a wrestler, and member of the show choir and band. He graduated from Vincennes University with a degree in computer technology.

Michael went to school in Garrett and



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Brian went to school in Garrett and Auburn and graduated from Garrett High School in 1989. He married Angela (Elworthy) (b. 16 April 1974 in Auburn) in 1992. They have three girls: Breanna, Gabrielle, and Kaitlyn. All three girls were born in Auburn, and attend school in Garrett.

Brian lives near Auburn and works at Guardian.

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William “Bill” was born 18 August 1922 and died 15 March 1945 in World War II at Iwo Jima. Bill graduated from McIntosh High School in 1940.

Walter “Red or Walt” was born 17 April 1925. Walter went into the service in 1943. Walter had 31 years in the Navy and Air Force. He was in the 122nd Air Command stationed at Baer Field. Walter died 02 June 1985.

Dorothy worked 21 years at the Auburn Rubber Company. The Auburn Rubber Company moved to Deming, New Mexico. She then worked at Reike Corporation for nine years and retired in 1969. She was the number one million, in the count of customers, at Revco starting the Medicare drug program. Dorothy was a member of the Legion Auxiliary of Post 97. She died 12 June 1988.

Submitted by Marilyn Carr

Austin E. Kail
Dorothy Clemmer

The Kail Home

Brady Sanford Kail and Euphumia Elizabeth Wyatt

Brady was born in Carrolton, Ohio on 01 October 1857. He moved to DeKalb County, Indiana in 1885 where he met and married Ephumia Elizabeth. They had five children: John Clausun (born 26 February 1888), Beatrice Oneil (born 01 October 1890), Paul Sanford (born 29 September 1896), Bernece Pauline (born 26 September 1893), and Austin Earl (born 11 June 1898).

They lived on her father’s farm. They moved to Spencerville, Indiana in 1888. Brady helped build the Spencerville Covered Bridge, known as Dilts Bridge. Brady’s Carpentry helped build Harrison High School, Eckhart Public Library, and the DeKalb County Courthouse. He built his home on a tract of land (it now sets on the corner of 19th and Center Street). It was 1903. He worked at the McIntyre Buggy Factory. Brady sold a part of his land to John and Minnie Armstrong.

Brady and E. Elizabeth lived in their home until E. Elizabeth died in August 1939. Brady lived with daughter, Beatrice in South Bend and he died in 1942. Brady and E. Elizabeth were married 52 years.

Submitted by Marilyn Carr

See next page for picture

The Kail Family
l to r Back: Pauline, Paul, Beatrice, Clausen
Center: Ephumia Elizabeth, Brady Sanford
Front: Austin

Erman Kenneth Kaiser and Winona Lorene Riser

Erman Kenneth Kaiser was born 13 September 1901 in Williams County, Ohio. Erman was one of six children born to Jacob and Sarah (Bloom) Kaiser. His siblings were Clarence Arthur (1892–1968); Vertie M. (1894-1981), married Carl M. Olds; Florence Ann (1896–1897); Earl Jacob (1898–1922); and Carl Fredrick, (1906-1995), married to Fay Best.

Winona Lorene Riser was born in DeKalb County on 26 March 1913. She was the daughter of Charles E. and Golda (Barve) Riser. They had four children: Winona L. (1913-1989), George (1919-1946), Erman W. (1909-2003) and Virginia Etta (1916-2003).

Winona and Erman were married in LaGrange County, Indiana on 18 September 1930. After their marriage they moved to a farm east of Butler, Indiana. Erman farmed and worked at General Motors in Defiance, Ohio.

They had eight children. Keith Alan (1931-1987), married to Loretta Lyons; Gary Erman (1934-1953); Paul Eugene (1936-1994), married to Judith Siebenalar (divorced) and Sandra Kay Shultz; Tony

Lee (1939-) married to Lynn Alexander; George Henry (1942-), married to Louise Margaret Welly (1947-1971), and Teresa Hartman; Kathleen Ann (1946-) married to James Edward Stark; Rachel Elizabeth (1949-) married to Jon Thomas Hendrickson (divorced) and Harry McMillan (divorced).and Peter Marshall (1952 -) married to Melanie Sue Harter.

Erman and Winona belonged to the Lutheran Church. Winona was a member of the Wittenberg Guild.

In 1962 Winona went to nursing school at Parkview School of Nursing to obtain her LPN license. She worked at Parkview Memorial Hospital, Ft. Wayne, Indiana and Hicksville Community Hospital, Hicksville, Ohio.

Erman died 24 October 1959 in Stafford Township, DeKalb County. Winona died in DeKalb County on 22 January 1989. They are buried in Maple Grove Cemetery at Edgerton, Ohio.

Submitted by Lynn Kaiser

Jacob John Kaiser and Sarah Elizabeth Bloom

Jacob John Kaiser was born 06 March 1868 in Florence Township, Williams County, Ohio. He was the son of Jacob and Mary Keinath Kaiser. Jacob and Mary were the parents of 12 children.

Sarah Elizabeth Bloom was the daughter of Frederick and Barbara Bloom. She was born near Decatur, Adams County, Indiana on 02 December 1870.

Jacob and Sarah were married 19 November 1891 and to them six children were born in Williams County, Ohio.

Clarence Arthur (13 May 1892 – 03 November 1968) lived in California and was never married.

Vertie M. (14 January 1894 -15 September 1981) married Carl M. Olds. They were the parents of Ronald Olds and Wilma Olds.

Florence Ann (03 April 1896-11 December 1897).

Earl Jacob (08 August 1898-02 May 1922). Earl had gone to Wyoming. While there he sucked a straw down his windpipe and died from complications of this.

Erman Kenneth (13 September 1901 – 21 October 1959) was married to Winona L. Riser. They were the parents of eight children.

Carl Frederick (13 January 1906 – 10 June 1995). Carl owned an implement store in Butler in 1928. He carried a complete line of McCormick-Deering farm machinery. Carl married Fay Best in 1954. They lived at Van Wert, Ohio.

Jacob was of German heritage and spoke fluent German. He was a prominent Troy Township farmer for 15 years, having moved to DeKalb County from north of Edgerton, Ohio. Jacob was fortunate to travel to California several times to visit with his son, Clarence.

Sarah was confirmed in the Lutheran faith on 23 November 1902. She was a faithful member of the Wittenberg Woman's Guild.

Sarah died 26 February 1930 and Jacob died 09 October 1946. They are buried in Maple Grove Cemetery, Edgerton, Ohio.

Submitted by Lynn Kaiser

Timothy and Joleene Kaiser

Timothy John Kaiser, was born 08 June 1953 in Marshall Michigan, son of Keith Allen and Loretta Lou (Lyons) Kaiser. His paternal grandparents were Erman K. and Winona (Riser) Kaiser. His Maternal grandparents were Russell F. and Iola I. (Rodocker) Lyon.

Joleene Ann Schimpf, was born 26 March 1960 in Souder Hospital, Auburn. Indiana, daughter of William Richard and Mary Lee (George) Schimpf. Her paternal grandparents were Richard William and Florence Ethel (Moore) Schimpf. Her maternal grandparents were Kenneth Edwin and Carrie Moreta (Oster) George.

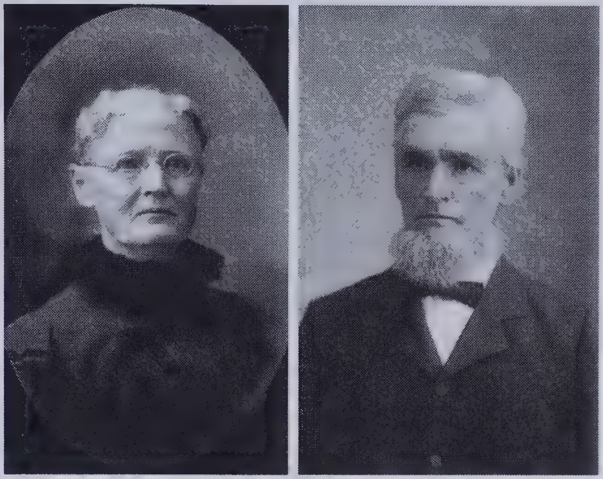
Joleene Ann Schimpf Kaiser and Timothy John Kaiser

Tim and Joleene were married 14 December 1978 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and began their married life in rural Butler, Indiana. Tim was employed with Dietricks Industries in Hicksville, Ohio, until they closed in 2002. Now Tim works part time with Hicksville Grain Company in Hicksville, Ohio and is self- employed. Joleene works for Group Dekko DEI Pent Div in Butler Indiana.

Joleene is a member of the DeKalb County Indiana Genealogy Society, Crawford County Ohio Genealogy Society , and Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Joleene's great great-grandfather, Noah Miller was in the Civil War. She is also a member of the Legion Auxiliary Post 202 Butler. Tim is a member of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Tim's great great great great grandfather, Amos Stackhouse, was in the Civil War. They both belong to the DeKalb County Historical Society.

They have no children.

Submitted by Joleene Ann Kaiser



Rebecca Houk Keller and Daniel Keller

Daniel Keller Family

Daniel Keller was the son of Frederick (born 01 January 1800 Tuscarawas County, Lawrence Township, Ohio) and Rachel Eva Keller (born about 1810 in Pennsylvania). Daniel was born 19 June 1836 in Tuscarawas County, Ohio. The early half of his life was spent near his birthplace. He had siblings: unknown child, William, Christian, Henry, Elizabeth, Daniel, Rebecca, Ann, John, Lucinda, Frederick J.

Daniel married Caroline Pifer in 1859 and she died in 1860. Daniel and Caroline had one child, Josiah Franklin "Franklin J." Keller. Josiah Franklin was born about 1860. Josiah Franklin married Ida Garber on 02 December 1888, Troy Township, DeKalb County, Indiana.

Daniel married Rebecca Houk on 26 June 1863. She was born in Pennsylvania, 26 May 1837, the daughter of Philip and Frances Houk. Rebecca was previously married to Mr. Nelson.

Rebecca and her first husband had one child, Clara A. Nelson (born about 1860). Later, Clara went by the name Keller. Clara married Nelson Orlando Griffin on 24 May 1884 in DeKalb County.

Daniel and Rebecca moved to Massilion, Stark County, Ohio where she became a member of the German Reformed Church. She and her husband located on a farm near Butler, Indiana in 1874. She was a devout Christian wife and mother always ready to share in the burdens, sorrows and hardships of pioneer life. Their children together were: Charles A., Lewis H., Benjamin E., and Howard K. Keller.

Charles A. Keller was born 25 November 1865 in Stark County, Ohio. He married Cora Irene McBride. They had two children, Lona Marie and Ruth. Cora died 04 October 1952. Charles died 11 July 1955.

Lewis Henry Keller was born 05 October 1867 in Stark County, Ohio. On 11 December 1892, he married Mary M. Gunsenhouser, daughter of Jacob and Catherine Ginder Gunsenhouser. They had two daughters: Alta and Esta Keller. Mary died 21 April 1940. Lewis died 05 March 1941 in DeKalb County.

Benjamin E. Keller was born 08 December 1873 in Stark County, Ohio. On 25 December 1900, Benjamin married Jenny May Gunsenhouser (b. 28 December 1874), daughter of Jacob and Catherine Ginder Gunsenhouser. Benjamin lived most of his life in Wilmington Township. They had a daughter Grace, who married Kenneth West, deceased. Grace lives in Sturgis, Michigan. Benjamin Keller retired and they moved into Butler. He died 17 November 1949 and Mrs. Keller in 1960. They were members of the Newville Evangelical Church and are buried in the Mount Pleasant Church Cemetery

Howard K. Keller was born about 1877. He died 02 April 1889. He is buried in Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

Daniel Keller died 05 August 1913 and Rebecca died 07 October 1910, both in Wilmington Township, DeKalb County, Indiana.

Submitted by Helen Wilson

Lewis H. Keller and Mary M. Gunsenhouser

Lewis H. Keller, son of Daniel and Rebecca Houk Keller was born 05 October 1876 in Stark County, Ohio. Having moved with his parents to Wilmington Township, DeKalb County, he married Mary M. Gunsenhouser on 11 December 1892. She was born 1872 in DeKalb County, the daughter of Jacob and Catherine Ginder Gunsenhouser.

Lewis and Mary M. had two daughters: Esta Marie and Alta.

Esta Marie married John Hubert Wilson, son of James and Mary Baughman Wilson on 15 March 1919. Alta married Ford Wilson, also a son of James and Mary Baughman Wilson on 25 December 1920.

Members of Mount Pleasant Church, Lewis died 05 March 1941 and Mary died 21 April 1940. They are interred in the mausoleum in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn, Indiana.

Submitted by Helen Wilson

Harriet Cynthia (Winslow) Kellicut

Harriet C. Winslow was born on County Road 35, Auburn on 25 December 1901 to Nellie Venzuela (Shoemaker) and Justus Adonis Winslow.

1940 Irene, Lionel, Nellie, Leona and Harriet Kellicut.

Harriet attended Carmer Country School, Union Township, DeKalb County through the eighth grade. It is believed, that she went just two years to high school, and then she worked at Globe Superior Garment Company in Auburn during 1923-24.

Our subject was married 25 December 1924 at the home of her parents and where she was born by Rev. Joe Ferguson. She married Lionel D. Kellicut of Quincy, Michigan, son of Delle Eugene & Nettie Marie (Buckelew) Kellicut. It is believed, the people that attended their wedding were her parents, her great grandparents Henry A. and Cynthia M. Winslow, cousins Frank & Lillian Young from Chicago, Illinois. Lionel's parents Delle and Nettie Kellicut. Harriet's brother, Lester Winslow and his friend Mabel Sacket were their attendants. The groom's parents gave them five $10.00 gold pieces, the brides parents gave them a rocking chair, which their daughter, Irene Olney has in 2005 and $100.00. The Young's gave them a lead crystal cut glass sugar and creamer and tooth pick holder to match, which is still in the family. Lionel didn't have a car, but his parents had a 1917 Ford, so they drove to Auburn, Indiana from Quincy, Michigan in that and it took three hours. They were married in the evening and they were going to go to a dance, after they got married, but the car wouldn't start, so they all stayed home and talked and went to bed. It was 20° below 0°, no wonder the car wouldn't start. They went to their home the next day at 662 Squires Rd., Butler Township, Branch County, Quincy, Michigan and started housekeeping.

They lived with Lionel's parents. In March 1925 Delle and Nettie Kellicut moved to

Quincy, Michigan and Lionel and Harriet rented the farm, till January of 1930. Lionel and Harriet bought the farm from Lionel's parents.

Their first child, Floyd Lester was born 30 January 1929, passed away 02 February 1929 and is buried in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn, Indiana.

Their second child, Leona Eunice was born 06 August 1930 and married Charles Raymond Happy on 25 December 1950. Charles died 15 October 1988 and is buried at Maybee, Michigan. Leona and Charles were married at South Litchfield's Baptist church, Litchfield, Michigan. They had five sons: Charles Lionel, Dale Eugene, Gale Eric, Keith Allan and Dennis Dean Happy. All five boys were born at Monroe, Michigan.

Nellie Arlene was the third child, born 22 October 1934, and married Carroll Jean Cronk 15 June 1958. There were no children.

Their fourth child, Irene Janice was born 02 November 1937 and she married Dwight Lee Olney 26 March 1961. There were no children from this union. All three girls were married at the South Litchfield Baptist Church, Litchfield, Michigan.

Harriet was a 4-H leader. She also was a member of an extension club, Farm Bureau and church ladies group. Lionel and Harriet farmed and Lionel hauled canned milk for years. Harriet died 30 March 1988 in Albion, Michigan, and Lionel died 01 February 1991 in Battle Creek, Michigan. They are both buried in Allen Cemetery, Allen Michigan. They lived their entire married life of 63 years at the same location.

Submitted by Irene Olney

Carl D. Kepler

Carl D. Kepler was born 13 December 1915 to Walter Kepler and Ruth (Perdue) Kepler. Walter was one of Burt and Harriet (Miller) Kepler's eleven children. At an early age, Walter was stricken with pneumonia and whooping cough. Both illnesses contributed to Walter being susceptible to tuberculosis and he passed away in 1927, at the young age of 32.

Carl was sent to live with his grandparents on the farm one mile north and one mile west of Hamilton, Indiana. Carl enjoyed living on the farm. His grandparents had a fine orchard, a large garden and his grandmother was adept at cooking and canning. Carl enjoyed his BB gun, bicycle and crystal radio. He used his bed springs for an antenna and could get WOWO, WLS and WLW. The farm had six acres of sugar maples and each spring, they would boil sap for maple syrup, which was sold for $1.85 per gallon. With no electricity they had an Aladdin mantle lamp for an excellent light.

Marie Werner Kepler and Carl D. Kepler

Carl went to a one-room school called "Dutch Gap" for five years. "Dutch Gap" was a Franklin Township Common School. Then, for four years he rode with a neighbor in a Model T to Hamilton High School, graduating in 1933. After graduation, he went to Lansing, Michigan to be an apprentice lithographer, retiring from that trade in 1980.

Carl married the daughter of Jacob Werner, whose farm adjoined his grandparent's and they had two children, a son, Walter, and a daughter, Diane. After 65 years of marriage, Marie succumbed to Alzheimer's in September of 2003.

Carl's grandfather Burt Kepler lived to be 93. Once, while Carl and Marie were in Hamilton, a neighbor asked his grandfather how he could account for living so long. He replied, "Because I never died".

Carl has maintained a strong interest in the Kepler family, both present and past.
Some of Carl's reflections of the past have been published in the Hamilton newspaper.

Submitted by Carl D. Kepler

James Dannells Kepler and Shirley Czyzewski Kepler

James Dannells Kepler

James Dannells Kepler was a third great–grandson to Daniel Kepler, an 1837 DeKalb County settler. James was born in Auburn, Indiana 03 June 1942 and is the first born son of Olen and Mary (Dannells) Kepler. The brothers to James are Norman and Robin. Jim attended Tri-State College and later completed a degree in Electronic Technology at the University of Toledo. His career included a few years in instrumentation in a small company and as a technician doing product research at Johns Manvile. The next 34 years was with Honeywell as a field process control technician. He twice received Honeywell "Technical Services Citations" for designing several industrial control systems. Since retiring, he has been a part time technical consultant and process control instructor at a large foundry.

Jim was married to Sherrill Maxfield and they had two children; a son, James Michael and a daughter, Christina Lynn. Later, Jim married Shirley Anne Czyzewski of Toledo, Ohio. They enjoy travel and quiet times at their Indiana lake home. Jim has had a strong active interest in genealogy and was accepted into The National Society of Sons of the American Revolution. This interest has taken them to several states in the pursuit of the early Kepler's.

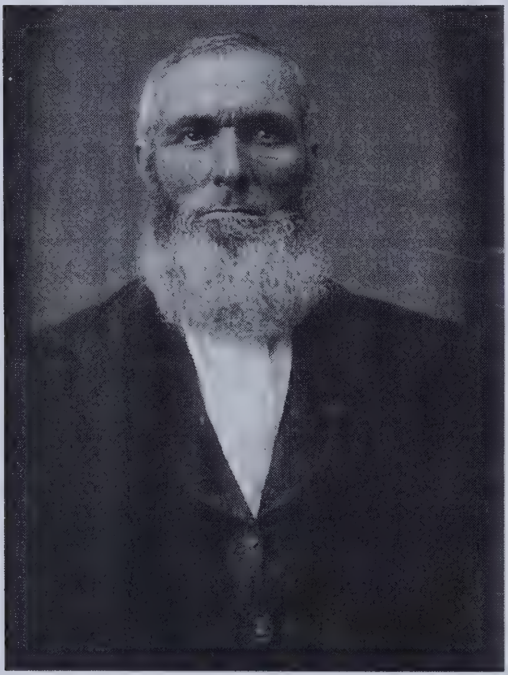
Jim and Shirley live in the rural countryside of Lucas County, Ohio.

Submitted by James D. Kepler

Jeremiah Kepler

Jeremiah Kepler was born 03 October 1833 in Summit County (originally part of Stark County), Ohio. His parents Daniel and Hannah (Boyer) Kepler were early settlers of DeKalb County, Indiana. Daniel Kepler's family arrived in DeKalb County in 1837 and settled in Franklin Township. During those early years, roads were developed and the town of Enterprise (now Hamilton) was expanding. It was during Jeremiah's childhood years that the Potawatomie Indians were vanishing and the staging events to the Civil War were developing.

In Jeremiah's adult life, he courted John and Jemima (Gossage) Griffith's daughter Susannah. John and Jemima were both early DeKalb County settlers. In 1853 on Christmas day, Samuel Dunham (Justice of the Peace) joined Susannah Griffith and Jeremiah in marriage.



Jeremiah Kepler

In Steuben and DeKalb Counties, farming was the leading occupation and Jeremiah was no exception to this type of life. He established his farming career in Steuben County, Indiana near Fish (Hamilton) Lake. He reared five children to maturity. They were: Burton, Frank, Charles, Eliza and Frances E. Their son, Commodore, died at the age of 10 years.

Most of the land, Jeremiah owned and farmed, was in Sections 22 and 27 east of Hamilton Lake. In 1870, he sold ninety seven acres of Section 27 to Simpson Watkins for the sum of three thousand five hundred dollars. This land was later developed by the Watkins's into the well known lake resort, Cold Springs.

After retiring from farming, Jeremiah continued living in the Hamilton, Indiana, area and would meet friends in town for the many social gatherings.

Submitted by James D Kepler

Mary Dannells Kepler and Olen Udell Kepler

Olen Udell Kepler

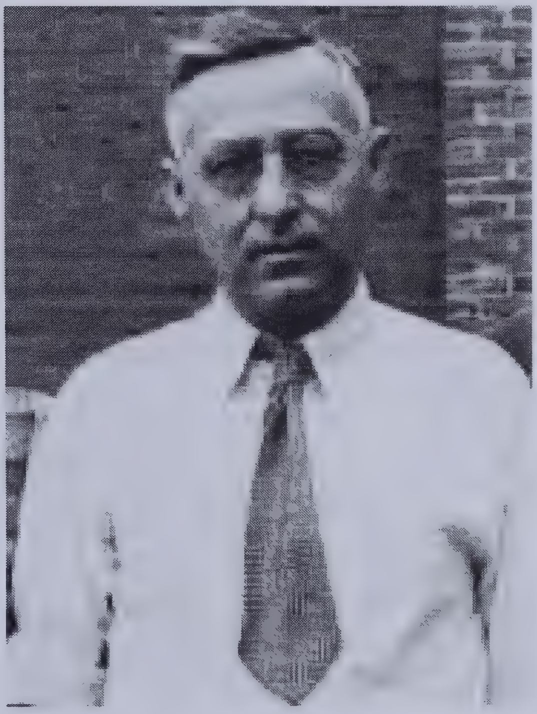
Olen Udell Kepler was born 16 January 1917 in Franklin Township, DeKalb County, Indiana.

He was the first born son of Vier (Brownie) Kepler and Neva North. Olen graduated from Butler High School in 1936. There were very few jobs available for the young men during that time, so he signed up for the Civilian Conservation Corps and worked in the development of Pokagon State Park near Angola, Indiana. Most of the park construction was done by the Civilian Conservation Corps between 1934 and 1942. They constructed the roads, trails, camping units, walks, gate house, cabins, beach house, shelter house, saddle barn, and the first toboggan slide. In addition, they planted thousands of young trees. Olen received his Honorable Discharge from Company 556 on 31 March 1937. After CCC, Olen went to Lansing, Michigan and stayed with his Aunt Ruth while learning the meat cutting trade. He returned to Butler, Indiana and worked at the A & P store as a meat-cutter. It was during this time, that he met Mary Dannells of Waterloo, Indiana. They married and started building their lives together. They moved to Tecumseh, Michigan seeking employment. Olen tried factory work at Tecumseh Products for about a year, but the opportunity to work on the railroad was the real desire. Olen was hired on the New York Central Railroad 12 July 1941 as a locomotive fireman. This new job required moving to Toledo, Ohio. Later he advanced to a locomotive engineer and worked until retirement on 07 July 1978. Olen always enjoyed fishing and docked a boat on Lake Erie. His interest included playing cards with friends and travel. Olen and Mary have three son's from their marriage: James, Norman and Robin.

Submitted by James D. Kepler

Vier "Brownie" Kepler

Vier "Brownie" Kepler was born 23 December 1890 in DeKalb County, Indiana. He was the son of Burton and Harriet Kepler of rural Hamilton, Indiana. His sisters were Laura, Cora, Frances and Florence. The brothers to Vier were Ford, Elwood, Burt, Ardeth, Walter and Guy. Brownie was raised in a farming family which was most common during those days. After he completed his common school, he trained to be a barber. One of his barber shops was located at Hamilton, Indiana in the Malone Building. It was a place for the men to talk and joke about things without women.



Vier Kepler

Vier married Neva North 30 April 1914. They had the following children: Olen, Carolus, Mary, Carlton, and Harriet. In time, they moved to Butler, Indiana and worked at Kissinger's Barber Shop. He was popular and well known for his humor. Many servicemen wrote to him while away from home.

Submitted by James D. Kepler

Daniel Kimbel and Elizabeth Cole

Daniel Kimbel was married to Elizabeth Cole in Seneca County, Ohio, on 08 February 1844. Later they moved to Indiana. Between about 1850 and 1866 this family lived in Fairfield Township, DeKalb County, Indiana.

At the time the 1850 census was enumerated, this family was found in Reed Township, Seneca County, Ohio, although Daniel owned land in Fairfield Township, DeKalb County Indiana. A deed record exists for the transfer of 80 acres of land from Francis S. Kimbel (Daniel's father) to Daniel Kimbel, dated 10 November 1848.

By the time the 1860 census was enumerated, this family is found in Fairfield Township, DeKalb County, page 9. The Kimbel family was often located near McClish and Cole families.

The children of Daniel and Elizabeth Kimbel are: Margaret Matilda Kimbel, b. 24 December 1845, married Alexander McClish and later Josiah Boyer; John Wesley Kimbel, b. 08 May 1845, four marriages are described in a separate biography; Nancy Jane Kimbel, b. 03 September 1850, married Noah McClish; Catherine Hannah Kimbel, b. 28 April 1853, married Royal Artemus McClish; Francis S. Kimbel, b. 14 February 1857, married Belle Craner and later Jennie McClish Kimbel; Daniel Kimbel, b.about 1859; Charles W. Kimbel, b. 05 January 1860, married Jennie McClish. After Charles' death, Jennie married his brother.

Along with other DeKalb County men, Daniel served in the Civil War, in the 13th Indiana Infantry, Company E. In 1866, most of the family moved west to Kosciusko County, Indiana, near Etna Green.

About 1875, Daniel and Elizabeth moved to St. Joseph County, Michigan, near their son John and the town of Mendon. This is where they are located in the 1880 census.

By 1883, Daniel, Elizabeth, their son John and other family members moved to northern Michigan. During this period, Daniel applied for, and received, a land patent for 40 acres in Marilla Township, Manistee County, Michigan. He also built a homestead, but it is not clear how long he lived there. Daniel's wife, Elizabeth, died in Manistee County on 06 August 1886.

By 1900, Daniel returned to southern Michigan, to Leonidas Township, St. Joseph County, where he lived for the rest of his life. Daniel died on 14 April 1904 and is buried near his son John, in Leonidas Cemetery.

Submitted by Sally Kimbel

George Lee Kimbel,
Son of John W. Kimbel and Margaret E. Hissong

John Wesley Kimbel Family

John Wesley Kimbel was born 08 May 1847, in Ohio, son of Daniel and Elizabeth (Cole) Kimbel. Despite several moves and the passage of time, the Kimbel family maintained connections to DeKalb County.

John W. Kimbel's first wife was Margaret E. Hissong. They married on 19 December 1868 in Plymouth, Marshall County, Indiana. In the 1870 census, this couple is found in Bourbon Township, Marshall County, Indiana. John's occupation is listed as carpenter.

By the time John's first son, George Lee Kimbel, was born, John and Margaret had moved to Mendon, St. Joseph County, Michigan. George was born on 14 February 1873 and Margaret died soon after, on 25 February 1873, according to her tombstone. No death record has been located for her, but she is buried in Mendon West Cemetery, next to the grave of Lilly M. Kimbel, apparently the first child of John and Margaret, who was born about 1871 and died in 1876.

The date and location of John's second marriage to Annie G. White, daughter of Amos White, has not been located. This probably occurred before 1878, as John and Annie had a stillborn daughter on 01 June 1878. Their second child, a son named John Wesley Kimbel after his father, was born on 20 August 1879. In later records, this son is often referred to as Wesley.

When the 1880 census was recorded, John's son George was listed in his grandparent's home. This may have been because Annie was sick. She died of consumption on 28 September 1880 in Leonidas, St. Joseph County, Michigan.

John married his third wife, Louisa Lamphier March, on 22 June 1881 in Three Rivers, St. Joseph County, Michigan. It appears that, not long after this marriage, John moved to Manistee County, Michigan. Manistee is in the northwest portion of Michigan's Lower Peninsula and was a center of the lumber trade in Michigan at that time. A county directory dated 1883 lists John and his father, Daniel, in Cleon Township, Manistee County. John is listed as a farmer with 40 acres. Louisa Kimbel died 16 April 1883 in Manistee County, although her will was probated in St. Joseph County.

John and his fourth wife, Emma Augusta Brand, were married in DeKalb County on 25 March 1887, and it appears that several of their children were born in this area.

The children of John and Emma are: Charles, b. 12 February 1887, Daniel, b. 06 February 1888; Arthur, b. 11 February 1891; Vesta, b. 15 June 1893; Ezra, b. 1895; Clifford, b. 1897; Leathia, b. 1898; Ola, b. 28 December 1900; Ralph, b. 12 October 1902; Katie Marie, b. 18 April 1904 (often referred to as Marie or Kathryn Marie); and Earl, b. 02 December 1905.

By 1900, John returned to Leonidas Township., St. Joseph County, Michigan, where he lived for the rest of his life. John died on 29 January 1919, in Leonidas, and Emma Kimbel died on 12 December 1952 in Centreville, St. Joseph County, Michigan.

Submitted by Sally Kimbel

Cindy Mavis Boger Kimmel

Cindy Boger married David Tracy Kimmel on 19 September 1987 in Auburn, Indiana. David is the son of David Lee Kimmel and Eloise Marie Gillem. He was born in DeKalb County on 04 December 1963. To this union a son and twin daughters were born.

David Tracy Allen Kimmel, Jr. was born 03 January1987 at St. Joseph Hospital in Allen County, Indiana. Twin girls Stacie Lynn Kimmel and Tracie were born on 31 October 1989. Stacie was born in the back seat of the car in front of the Shell Station on 7th Street in Auburn. They were on their way to the hospital. Tracie was born in front of the Sunshine Market near the hospital. Cindy did not know she was having twins. Her mother, Marlene Boger, helped with the deliveries in the car. It was a challenge to raise twins with a three year old.

Cindy and Dave lived in Waterloo, Indiana, eleven years. In 2004 Cindy and Dave divorced and Cindy moved to Auburn.

David graduated from DeKalb High School in 2004. He wants to pursue a career in Marine Mechanics. He presently works at Fire Mountain Restaurant.

Stacie and Tracie are sophomores at DeKalb High School. Stacie presently works at Wendy's. Tracie wants to pursue a career in Cosmetology.

Cindy is employed at SPX Contech in Auburn. Cindy and the kids have four dogs Tippy, Midnight, Roxie and Baby and three cats Callie, Tigger and Lucky.

For further information on Cindy refer to Volume II of DeKalb County History, page 17.

Submitted by Carolyn E. Trammel

Mayme S. King and William Allomong

Mayme S. King, daughter of Jeremiah and Lydia (Mull) King, was born 07 March 1891 in Smithfield Township, DeKalb County, Indiana. Her paternal grandparents were Isaac and Anna Nancy (Newcomer) King. Her maternal grandparents were William George and Sophia (Wolf) Mull. Mayme had five siblings: Clarence Arthur King, William Grover King, Riley Vern King, Lester King and Nellie King who both died young.

William Harrison Allomong, son of John Wesley and Mary Melissa (Shaffer) Allomong, was born 17 May 1892 in Richland Township, Steuben County, Indiana. His paternal grandparents were Joseph and Catherine (Klingman) Allomong. His maternal grandparents were Samuel and Catherine (Powell) Shaffer. Will had four siblings: Pearl May Allomong, Charles McKinley Allomong, Laura Marie Allomong who died young, and Beulah Catherine Allomong.

Mayme and Will (also known as Bill) were married 20 February 1915 at the home of Rev. I. W. Lowman in Waterloo, DeKalb County, Indiana. They resided on a farm in Fairfield Township for many years before retiring to 406 Ensley Avenue, Auburn about 1955. Their only child, Wayne Jeremiah Allomong, was born 08 May 1919 in Franklin Township, DeKalb County. Wayne died of pneumonia 29 March 1936, Fairfield Township, DeKalb County, Indiana at age sixteen. The Allomongs were members of the Cedar Lake Church of Christ.

Will Allomong died 23 November 1965 at Tampa, Hillsborough County, Florida, the day after arriving in Florida for their annual winter stay. Mayme died 15 August 1973 in her Auburn home at the age of 82. Both are buried in Fairfield Cemetery, rural Corunna, DeKalb County, Indiana.

Submitted by Jennie (King) Phillips

Clarence Arthur King and Hester Nora Reinoehl

Clarence Arthur King, son of Jeremiah and Lydia A. (Mull) King, was born 01 February 1882 on his parent's farm in Smithfield Township, DeKalb County, Indiana. His paternal grandparents were Isaac King and Anna Nancy Newcomer. His maternal grandparents were William George Mull and Sophia Wolf.

Hester Nora Reinoehl, daughter of Solomon and Martha (Eckhart) Reinoehl, was born 11 September 1886 on her parent's homestead in Fairfield Township, DeKalb County, Indiana. Her paternal grandparents were David Reinoehl and Rebecca Weirich.

Her maternal grandparents were Heinrich Eckhart and Barbara Froehlich.

Clarence and Hester were married 04 February 1905 at the Waterloo Evangelical parsonage, Waterloo, Indiana. They rented a farm from Clarence's uncle west of Butler during the first year of their marriage.

In 1906, they rented a farm located on Country Road 23, south of Ashley. They shared this residence with Clarence's brother and wife, Will and Minnie King. It was here their first child, Irene Mae King, was born in 07 May 1908.

The following year, 1909, they moved to the homestead of Hester's parents in Fairfield Township, which they rented for about four years.

During the spring of 1913, they bought a farm on County Road 14, west of the Cedar Lake Church of Christ, where they lived the remainder of their lives. Their son, Roy Elmer King, was born there on 25 September 1913 in the original small frame house.

In the spring of 1920, the old house was torn down. It was replaced with a new cement block house, which cost approximately four thousand dollars. Clarence worked on the house as much as he was able, farming during the daytime and working on the house at night. He dug the basement himself. During construction, the family lived in a shed where a floor had been built into the far south end. They had all their belongings with them and had the ability to eat, sleep and live comfortably. They opened the doors to provide fresh air and daylight.

Clarence King was the eldest of six children, his siblings being: William Grover King, Riley Vern King, Mayme S. (King) Allomong, Lester and Nellie King both of whom died as babies.

Hester (Reinoehl) King was the youngest of eight children, her siblings being: Mary Alice (Reinoehl) Shaffer, Job Albert Reinoehl, Cora Rebecca (Reinoehl) Urey Long, Isaiah Ozaiah Reinoehl, William Elmer Reinoehl, Charles Myron Reinoehl, Rosa Viola (Reinoehl) Sherlock.

Clarence and Hester were members of the Cedar Lake Church of Christ. Clarence died of a heart condition on 02 June 1956, at his home in Smithfield Township, DeKalb County, Indiana. Hester died from complications of age on 13 October 1979, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn, Indiana. Both are buried in the Fairfield Cemetery, Fairfield Township, DeKalb County, Indiana.

Submitted by Jennie (King) Phillips

Isaac King and Anna Nancy Newcomer

Isaac King, son of William and Catharine (Kugler) King, was born 23 March 1827 in Columbiana County, Ohio. His paternal grandparents were John Henry (Konig) King and Maria Funster. His maternal grandparents are unknown. In the year 1846, Isaac moved with his parents from Ohio to a farm in Franklin Township, DeKalb County, Indiana where he resided until 1901 when he removed to Waterloo. He was the eldest child in a family of seven children, his siblings being: Sarah King who married William Oberlin, Rachel King who married John Allomong III, David King, George King who married Mary Ann Allomong, Elizabeth King who married Edwin Cyrus Potter, and John Henry King who married Flora Boone.

Anna Nancy Newcomer, daughter of Christian and Mary (Wolf) Newcomer, was born 18 July 1826 in Columbiana County, Ohio. Her paternal grandparents were Christian Newcomer I and Ann M. Billet. Her maternal grandparents were Johan A. Wolf II and Susanna Steinbrenner. Nancy came from Ohio to DeKalb County with her parents in 1848. Isaac and Nancy were married 18 October 1849 in DeKalb County, Indiana. She was the eldest in a family of ten children, her siblings being: Andrew Newcomer, Catherine Newcomer, Mary Newcomer who married Daniel Camp, Margaret Newcomer, Barbara Newcomer who married Gabriel Miller, Maria Newcomer who married Daniel Gingrich, Joseph Newcomer, George Washington Newcomer who married Barbara VanHorn, and Christian Newcomer III who married Martha Crooks.

Isaac and Nancy King united with the Mennonite church in 1873 and 1871 respectively.

Seven children were born to them: Mary Ann died at age nineteen, Jason died at age seventeen, Jeremiah married Lydia Mull, George married Lydia Bowman, Alonzo married Ida McCavit, Calvin married Laura Kepler, and Laura Catharine died at age one.

Isaac died 07 June 1905 in Waterloo, DeKalb County, Indiana after a brief illness. Nancy died 15 October 1905 at her eldest son's home in Smithfield Township, DeKalb County, Indiana. They are both buried in the Hamilton Cemetery, Hamilton, Indiana.

Submitted by Jennie (King) Phillips

Jeremiah King and Lydia Mull

Jeremiah "Jerry" King, son of Isaac and Anna Nancy (Newcomer) King, was born 15 March 1854, at his parent's home in Franklin Township, DeKalb County, Indiana. His paternal grandparents were William King and Catherine Kugler. His maternal grandparents were Christian Newcomer II and Mary Wolf.

Lydia A. Mull, daughter of William George and Sophia (Wolf) Mull, was born 30 November 1860, at Nappanee, Kosciusko County, Indiana. Her paternal grandparents are unknown. Her maternal grandparents were Johan Adam Wolf III and Elizabeth Zahner.

Jerry and Lydia were married 13 April 1880 in DeKalb County. They began their married life on a farm three miles south of Ashley in Smithfield Township, DeKalb County, Indiana. The farm, located at 1478 County Road 23, has remained in the King family and is currently owned and operated by their great-grandson, Darrell King.

Jerry and Lydia lived on this farm forty years and were members of the Cedar Lake Church of Christ. They were the parents of six children: Clarence Arthur King married Hester Nora Reinoehl, William Grover King married Minnie Margaret Durst, Riley Vern King married Maydie Pearl Myers, Mayme S. King married William Harrison Allomong, Lester and Nellie King died as infants.

Jerry and Lydia King retired to Waterloo in 1920. In April 1928, they moved to a home on West Morgan Street, Ashley, Indiana, where Jerry died three months later, 26 July 1928.

Lydia died at the Fairfield Township home of her daughter, Mayme Allomong, on 08 October 1935. Jerry and Lydia are both buried in the Fairfield Cemetery, rural Corunna, DeKalb County, Indiana.

Submitted by Jennie (King) Phillips

Roy Elmer King and Pauline Harriette Putt

Roy Elmer King, son of Clarence Arthur and Hester Nora (Reinoehl) King, was born 25 September 1913 on his parent's farm in Smithfield Township, DeKalb County, Indiana. His paternal grandparents were Jeremiah King and Lydia A. Mull. His maternal grandparents were Solomon Reinoehl and Martha Eckhart.

Roy was educated in the township schools and graduated from Ashley High School in 1931. He had one sister, Irene Mae King, who married Franklin Monroe Bailey.

Pauline Harriette Putt, daughter of Frank and Maude Bell (Brugh) Putt, was born 11 July 1913 in Fairfield Township, DeKalb County, Indiana. Her paternal grandparents were Levi Putt and Harriett Anstett. Her maternal grandparents were William Brugh and Emma Lavina McBride.

Pauline received an elementary education at Shipe School in Fairfield Township and graduated from Ashley High School in 1931. She had four siblings: Dwight L. Putt who married Rachel Minerva Dole; Naomi Brugh Putt who married Raymond Rensch; Lurah Jeanette Putt who married (1) Doyle Thornton DeVoe and (2) Wiley John Phillips; and Allen Oscar Putt who married Evelyn Irene Foster.

Roy and Pauline met in high school and were married on 18 March 1934 in Angola, Steuben County, Indiana. Soon after their marriage, they settled on the homestead of Roy's grandfather, Jeremiah King, in DeKalb County, Indiana. Roy farmed the land and ran a dairy operation until retiring to a nearby farm in 1971. In 1991, they sold the latter property and moved into Auburn. Their son, Darrell, is now the fourth generation to own the original Jeremiah King land. Roy was a life-long member of the Cedar Lake Church of Christ, which Pauline joined upon their marriage.

Pauline worked along side her husband on the farm until the family was raised. In 1964, she completed a flower-arranging course in Chicago and took her first job outside the home. She worked for a wedding caterer, The Country Kitchen, arranging flowers, decorating wedding cakes, taking orders, and overseeing the ceremonies and receptions. In 1966, she left this employment and opened a flower shop in their home. King's Flowers specialized in artificial arrangements and, for a time, feather flower arranging. She sold her inventory and retired when her husband retired from farming.

Roy and Pauline King were the parents of five children: Julia Ann King who was stillborn; David Edgar King, deceased; Daniel Evan King; Darrell Roy King; and Jennie Kaye King.

They were active in many Senior Citizen groups and enjoyed traveling the western states during their retirement years. For several years, they wintered in Arkansas Pass, Texas. Roy passed away 30 August 1993 and Pauline passed away 06 May 1994. They were laid to rest in Fairfield Cemetery, DeKalb County, Indiana.

Submitted by Jennie (King) Phillips

William King and Catharine Kugler

William King was born 26 September 1795 in Pennsylvania, son of John Henry and Maria (Funster) King. His paternal grandparents were Matheus (Konig) King and Eva Anna Christina Hartzel. His maternal grandparents are unknown. William had five siblings: David King, John Henry King Jr., Elizabeth King, Eva Christina King and Samuel King.

William married Catharine Kugler, 04 October 1827 in Columbiana County, Ohio. Catharine was born 11 August 1809 in Maryland. Her parents are unknown.

They were the parents of seven children: Isaac married Anna Nancy Newcomer; Sarah married William Oberlin; Rachel married John Allomong III; David died young; George married Mary Ann Allomong; Elizabeth C. married Edwin Cyrus Potter; and John Henry married Flora Boone.

William died 20 August 1855 and Catharine died 11 October 1894. Both died in Franklin Township, DeKalb County, Indiana, and are buried in the Hamilton Cemetery, Hamilton, Indiana.

Submitted by Jennie (King) Phillips

August Kinsey

August Kinsey Family

August Kinsey was born 04 October 1847, the son of Frederick and Susan Kinsey. He was raised in Allen County, Indiana. On 17 June 1869 he married Catherine Byroads in Spencerville, Indiana. Catherine (Katie) Byroads was born in Pennsylvania on 02 May 1843 to George W. and Susan (Strayer) Byroads.

August and Katie made their home in Spencerville where August worked as an undertaker and cabinet maker. The children of August and Katie included Charles, Miles, George, Franklin, Samuel and Mable. In 1884 the family moved to St. Joe, Indiana where August was a cabinet maker and also worked in the undertaker, furniture, and hardware businesses. On 18 February 1885 Katie died.

On 21 March 1890 August married Viola Mason, who was born in 1857. August and Viola had three children Eliza, Vade, and Violet. August Kinsey was a member of the Methodist Protestant Church in St Joe. He served one term as Justice of the Peace, was a member of the Knights of Pythias and International Order of the Odd Fellow Lodge.

August died 07 January 1908. Viola died in 1913.

Submitted by Glenda Shull

Frank and Mary Elnora Sechler Kinsey Family

Frank Deforest Kinsey and Mary Elnora Sechler

Mary Elnora Sechler (Elnora) was born 13 November 1879 in DeKalb County, Indiana, the daughter of James and Harriet (Gee) Sechler. Elnora attended a one-room brick school south of Butler. On 04 April 1900 she married Frank Deforest Kinsey. Frank, the son of August and Catherine (Byroads) Kinsey, was born 21 October 1876 in Spencerville, Indiana.

Frank and Elnora had four children; Gerald born 24 February 1901, twins Donald and MaDonna born 06 February 1904 and Glen born 27 June 1906. They were members of the Methodist Protestant Church in St. Joe, Indiana. Elnora later joined the St. Mark's Lutheran Church in St. Joe when the Methodist Church closed. She was a Lodge in St. Joe.

Frank worked as a tinsmith. He was a member of the Independent Order of the Odd Fellows in St. Joe and held every office in the local Chapter. Frank died on 12 December 1923 at age 47.

Elnora continued to live in St. Joe. In 1926 Marion Clay Blue arrived in St. Joe as an employee of the Ohio Power Company. His crew installed electricity in the town of St. Joe. He rented a room at Elnora's home. When the job was completed he asked Elnora to marry him. The couple was married on 31 October 1928. They continued to live in St. Joe. Clay retired and raised ponies as a hobby. He died on 15 November 1939. Elnora died 03 February 1962. Frank Kinsey, Clay Blue, and Elnora Kinsey Blue are buried in the Riverside Cemetery in St. Joe.

Submitted by Glenda Shull

Glenn William and Mary Etta (Sheardy) Kinsey

Glenn William Kinsey (b. 27 June 1906 St. Joe, Indiana d. 10 April 1968 St. Joe), the son of Franklin DeForest Kinsey (b. 21, October 1879 Spencerville, Indiana d. 16 April 1923 DeKalb County, Indiana) and Mary Elnora Sechler (b. 1879 DeKalb County d. 1962 St. Joe). Glenn married Mary Etta Sheardy ("Mary" b. 12 September 1906 Garfield Township, Michigan d. 1988 St. Joe) in Michigan 1924. To this union was born four sons: Donald, James, Robert, and Larry; and one daughter, Opal.

Glenn was a foreman at the Universal Tool Company in Spencerville and also in Butler, Indiana, after it relocated. He was well liked at work and in the community. The Sechler side of the family was related to the owner's of Sechler's Pickles that was located in St. Joe and known across the country for their delicious varieties of pickles. Glenn and Mary are buried in the St. Joe cemetery.

Submitted by Pat Kinsey

James Martin Kinsey

James Martin Kinsey was born 02 December 1927 at St. Joe, Indiana, the third child of Glenn William (b. 27 June 1906 d. 10 April 1968 St. Joe) and Mary Etta Sheardy Kinsey (b. 12 September 1906 Garfield Township, Michigan d. 1988 St. Joe). James' siblings were Donald, Opal, Robert and Larry.

James married Patricia Yvonne Souder (b. 25 November 1932 Butler, Indiana) on 14 January 1951 at Zion United Brethren Church in Troy Township. They were divorced in 1972 at Angola, Indiana. Patricia's parents were Ralph and Sarah "Mildred" Souder of Butler. James and Patricia had five children: Bradley James (b. 18 December 1952 Garrett, Indiana) married Christine Hewlett (Toledo, Ohio). They have four children, Megan, Bradley, Jr., Julia and Elizabeth; Stanley Bruce (b. 22 February 1954 Garrett) married Lori Barber (LaQuinta, California). They have three children, Claire, James and Kathryn; Pamela Yvonne (b. 07 June 1957 Garrett) married Gregory Lungmus (Northfield, Illinois). They have three children, Jacqueline, Emily and Karl; Daniel Bryant (b. 07 June 1957 Garrett) married Mary Helmen (Aurora, Illinois). They have four children, Bryan, Jonathan, David and Natalie (twins); Kelly Diane (b. 05 May 1961 Garrett) married Charles McPheeters (Garrett, Indiana). They have two children, Nicole and Jackson.

Jim graduated St. Joe High School and served four years in the Navy, getting out in 1950. After he left the Navy, he worked for Capehart Farnsworth in Fort Wayne, building television sets. This was very early in the industry. After getting married, Jim and Pat moved to Auburn, Indiana where he had a Jewel Tea (grocery) route. From that he was hired by Carnation Milk Company and eventually became a supervisor in the Illinois/Iowa region, so they lived in Eureka, Illinois for about two years. They moved back to Garrett, Indiana 1960, and he worked with a food brokerage business in Fort Wayne. He formed Kinsey Brokerage which was sold to United Brokerage of Grand Rapids, Michigan in 1972. Although he remained in the Fort Wayne area, he served as president of United Brokerage until his retirement.

In 1973 Jim married Barbara Stier who had two sons, Christopher and Kerry. Jim and Barbara live in Pine Valley north of Fort Wayne. He enjoys playing golf, especially with his sons and daughter who are good golfers, as well. Jim and Barbara have a cottage at Tri Lakes near Columbia City. The family enjoys gathering there in the summer.

Submitted by Pat Kinsey

The Kinsey Family

Photo 2001: Top Row-Bryan, Dan, Bradley Jr., Brad, Christine, Greg, Stan, Lori
3rd Row- Kelly holding Jackson, Patricia Souder Kinsey (Mom), Mildred Bryant Souder (Grandma), Pam
2nd Row-Charles, Mary, Megan holding Elizabeth, Jonathan, Jacqueline, Claire, Jimmy
Front Row-Julia, David holding Karl, Natalie holding Kathryn, Emily, Nicole

Patricia Yvonne Souder Kinsey

Patricia Yvonne Souder was born 25 November 1932 at Butler, Indiana, the third child of Ralph Lavon Souder (b. 10 May 1905 Butler, d. June 1987 Butler) and Sarah "Mildred" Bryant (b. 25 November 1907 Butler). Patricia had a sister, Phyllis Joan (b. 25 December 1927 Butler) a brother, William Harry (b. 15 September 1943 Butler) a brother, Lavon Dale who died at birth in 1928.

Patricia was raised in the country north of Butler and attended her first eight years of school at Tamarack, a two room country school in Troy Twp. She graduated from Butler High School. She enjoyed living in the country and helped around the farm by milking, driving horses or tractor, feeding chickens, working in the garden, riding her bicycle and swimming in the creek or Hamilton Lake with her cousins. She was very active in her Zion United Brethren Church. Her parents liked having kids over, so her dad made a baseball field in the pasture and on

Sunday afternoon, kids would come to play ball. Sunday nights were Christian Endeavor, and then going roller skating with friends. She loved to dance, go to ball games, play in the band, and have parties for the Christian Endeavor Youth group.

Patricia married James Martin Kinsey (b. 02 December 1927 St. Joe) on 14 January 1951 at Zion United Brethren Church in Troy Township. They were divorced 1972 in Angola, Indiana. James' parents were Glenn and Mary Etta Kinsey of St. Joe. James and Patricia had five children: Bradley James, Stanley Bruce, Pamela Yvonne, Daniel Bryant and Kelly Diane.

Bradley James (b. 18 December 1952 Garrett) married Christine Hewlett (Toledo, Ohio). They have four children, Megan, Bradley Jr., Julia and Elizabeth.

Stanley Bruce (b. 22 February 1954 Garrett) married Lori Barber (LaQuinta, California). They have three children, Claire, Jimmy and Kathryn.

Pamela Yvonne (b. 7 June 1957 Garrett) married Greg Lungmus (Northfield, Illinois). They have three children, Jacqueline, Emily and Karl.

Daniel Bryant (b. 7 June 1957 Garrett) married Mary Helmen (Aurora, Illinois). They have four children, Bryan, Jonathan, David and Natalie.

Kelly Diane (b. 5 May 1961 Garrett) married Charles McPheeters (Garrett, Indiana). They have two children, Nicole and Jackson.
As an adult, living in the countryside of Garrett, she enjoys theater, golf and traveling and is very interested in the history of the Revolutionary War and Civil War. She visits her family often, Brad, Dan and Pam in the Chicago, Illinois area, Kelly in Brown County, Indiana and Stan near San Diego, California.

Her happiest years were raising her children. They were such a joy. They were very active in sports, were good students and involved at church. A couple of interesting events in her life were getting to attend the re-election party of President Ronald Reagan, because her daughter, Pamela, worked for the Republican party, and also going to the Academy Awards in Los Angeles with her son, Stan, when he worked for the Walt Disney Company. Her family and she started a tradition of staying a weekend at Pokagon State Park in January every other year to toboggan and sled.

She worked a few years in the Garrett School system, but eventually had her own advertising agency, The Kinsey Agency in Fort Wayne. She is active in the Garrett community, went on several mission work trips with her church, is a member of Psi Iota Xi Sorority, and enjoys attending school and church activities and being around the kids there.

Patricia is a Lay Speaker in the United Methodist Church. Her favorite verses are Romans 12: 1-2 and Philippians 4:13. She is thankful to God for her parents, brother, sister, her childhood, the blessings of her children, grandchildren, and His help in raising them.

Submitted by Patricia Kinsey

Ralph Lavon Souder and Sarah Mildred Bryant Souder

Ralph Lavon Souder (b. 10 May 1905 Butler, Indiana d. 16 June 1987 Butler) was the only child of Harry Leroy Souder (b. 01 May 1882 Butler d. 14 July 1973 Butler) and Henrietta Tombow ("Etta" b. 09 August 1886 East Greenville, Ohio d. 20 December 1985 Butler). Ralph married Sarah Mildred Bryant ("Mildred" b. 25 Nov 1907 Butler) the fourth child of William Bryant (b. 1866 Butler d. 23 December 1943

Butler) and Micha Rickard Bryant (b. 21 September 1871 Butler d. 05 April 1951 Butler). Their wedding date was 07 June 1927. Mildred had two sisters, Constance (Scaggs) and Nancy (Houck), one brother, Loren Bryant. Ralph and his parents are buried in the Butler Cemetery. Mildred's plot is beside him, when she passes. Mildred's parents are buried in Eddy's Cemetery on the Bellfountain Road in Troy Township.

Ralph and Mildred had four children: Phyllis Joan (b. 25 December 1927 Butler) who married Kenneth Jennings of Edgerton, Ohio; Lavon Dale (died at birth in 1928); Patricia Yvonne (25 November 1932) who married James Kinsey of St. Joe; William Harry (b. 15 September 1943) who married Linda May of Winamac, Indiana.

Ralph Lavon Souder and
Sarah Mildred Bryant Souder

Ralph and Mildred farmed north of Butler. He had a special talent also in painting houses and other buildings. He was in demand because of his ability in mixing just the right color to satisfy his customers. In the front of the sanctuary of Zion United Methodist Church, he painted a beautifully graduated shadow of the cross that hangs there. It is still there at this time.

He had a wonderful sense of humor and people liked working with him and being around him in general. He thought it a lot of fun to play jokes on people and make them laugh....especially his family. Mildred was always by his side, working and playing. She drove tractor, worked the "truck patch" of vegetables, canned, helped butcher the animals for meat, took care of the chickens and was a great cook. She always had sugar cookies ready for the children and grandchildren. They had a maple syrup camp in their woods and had a great time each spring gathering the sap and cooking it into syrup with the help of their family. They both were good neighbors and would offer help at any time to families or the church. Mildred did not waver in her love of God and set an example by the life she lived. They raised their children in early lessons to be responsible, hard working, considerate and to appreciate the blessings God gave them.

Ralph played on Butler's softball team as a young man. He never lost his fondness of the game and was a Chicago Cubs loyal fan. He and Mildred also enjoyed their many hours of fishing and camping. They took several trips to Florida and Arizona, sometimes with friends or family.

Mildred belonged to the Wittenberg Guild, a club organized in the neighborhood by a group of church ladies. They met once a month, studied a lesson in the Bible, packed food boxes for solders during WWII and offered funeral dinners to families of members.

During their early years of farming, when crops were to be harvested, neighbors took turns going to each others farms with the threshing machine and helping. The wives would go to the same house and fix the meals. It was a time of hard work and camaraderie. It was also a custom that when there was a marriage, their friends would wait for the couple to go to bed, then "bell" them by making as much noise as possible with pans, bells, etc. Ralph and Mildred's children surprised them by organizing a "belling" on their 15th wedding anniversary. Ralph passed on just one week after they celebrated their 60th anniversary.

Ralph and Mildred were assets to the community and church. They took pride in keeping their farm, four miles north of Butler on SR1 and 1 1/2 miles east on County Road 16, in good repair.

Submitted by Patricia Kinsey

George Riser and Amanda Garber

George Riser, son a Martin and Catherine (Ott) Riser, was born 26 February 1852 on a vessel on the Atlantic Ocean. His parents were migrating from Germany to America, and landed a few days later after his birth. His parents went to Stark County, Ohio, and then Williams County, Ohio was where they settled until 1867. At this time they moved to a farm in northern Stafford Township, DeKalb County.

Amanda Garber, daughter of William and Lydia (Eberly) Garber was born in 1858 in Ohio. She married George on 27 February 1879 in DeKalb County, Indiana.

They had eight children and two died in infancy. Their children are: Hattie B. (1881 – 1964) married John E. Diehl. Their children are Ralph F., Raymond J., Philip, Bruce O., Faye V., and Orpha Z.; Charles Edward (twin) (28 February 1884 – 08 July 1965) married first wife Mary Florence Huth. After her death he married Golda Mary Barve. Four children were born to them: Winona L., Virginia Etta, George Henry, and Erman William; John F. (twin) (28 February 1884 – 05 May 1954) married Ethel Gaff. Their son is Earl Eugene; Della Clara (05 August 1885 – 11 May 1968) married Burl Moughler. They were the parents of six children: Jessie, Mildred, Ollus, Ora Dale, Roy and Helen; Cora Elizabeth (07 October 1888 – 10 August 1944) married (1) Fred Seltenright, (2) Lawrence Markel and (3) James Mathias. Fred and Cora had two children: Helen Evelyn and Allen Frederick. Lawrence and Cora also had two children: Betty Jean and Richard Lawrence; Esther May (14 February 1896 – 06 March 1948) married Herman Fee. Their children are George, William, Brook, Herman, Robert, and Gloria Ann.

George was ambition and made a success of life with limited education. While single he worked for the New York Central Railroad and as a farm hand for neighbors. After he married he followed farming.

Amanda and George were members of the Big Run United Brethren Church. A stained glass window is in this church with his name on it.

George died 04 February 1936 and Amanda died 02 March 1937. They are buried in Big Run Cemetery, DeKalb County, Indiana.

Submitted by Lynn Kaiser

David B. and Mary Ann (Boyle) Knight

David Brookens Knight was born 17 May 1804 in Fairfield County, Ohio (1808 became Knox, County) to William and Mary Knight, who moved to Ohio about 1803/04 from the Ten Mile district of Green County, Pennsylvania. David's known siblings were: Rachel, Aseneth, Sarah, Michael, James, Elizabeth, and Rebecca.

David moved from Knox County, Ohio to Marion County, Ohio where on 05 December 1829 he married Mary Ann Boyle, daughter of John and Nancy (Merritt) Boyle. David, Mary Ann and his brother, Michael immigrated to DeKalb County, Indiana about 1836/37. The settled in what would become Concord Township. He settled in section 17.

David and Mary were active in the first Sunday school located in the William Monroe schoolhouse. Mary was an early Sunday school teacher and David was one of the first superintendents. David served on the 1838 petit jury. According to Commissioners record book A, he petitioned for and helped route several roads in the area between Concord and the Ohio state line.

The following children were born to David and Mary: Cynthia (b. 1830, d. 1912), married 1848 to John Engle; William S. (b. 1832, d. 1908) married 1853 to Mary Ann Miller; Nancy Jane (b. 1835, d. 1910) married 1857 to John Widney; Samantha Rhoda (b. 1837, d. 1920) married 1857 to Augustus Hull; John B. (b. 1838, d. 1922) in Oregon, married about 1871 to Mary; Cyrus (b. about 1852, d. unknown); Dennis (b. about 1843, d. unknown), married 1873 to Lucinda Cripe; James Scott (b. 1844, d. 1864); Michael (b. 1847, d. 1847); and Calvin (b. 1850, d. 1860).

Mary Ann died on 27 March 1852 and was buried in Concord Cemetery. David married his second wife, Mahala Reed, on 07 October 1852 in Morrow County, Ohio. In 1856 David sold his property in DeKalb County and moved with Mahala and his younger children to York Township, Elkhart County, Indiana where he settled south of Vistula, Indiana. David and Mahala had a daughter, Alice and several other children, unknown.

Mahala died 18 October 1871 and was buried in Oak Ridge Cemetery, Bristol, Indiana. David married to Susan Cook on 04 October 1876, Elkhart County, Indiana.

David died 21 February 1878, in Elkhart County and was buried in the Vistula Cemetery with his two sons, James Scott and Calvin.

John B. and Lina S. (Sheffer) Knight

John Brookens Knight was born 28 November 1867, in DeKalb County, Indiana, to William S. and Mary Ann (Miller) Knight. Elder J. B. Dinkleberger married John and Lina S. Sheffer, (b. 05 Dec. 1876) daughter of Barton S. and Eva (Hadsell) Sheffer, on 16 April 1902, in St. Joe, DeKalb County, Indiana at the home of her parents.

John and Lina had five children, three of whom died in infancy: Lyman Sheffer (b. 1903, d. 1903), William Barton (b. 1904, d 1904), male infant (b. 1905, d 1905), Leora Evalyn (b. 1907, d. 1986) married 1936 to (1) Weldon Shafer, 1969 (2) Harold Hamman; Dorothy Ann (b 1912, d. 1990) married 1933 to Howard L. Hamman. After the death of his wife, Lina, in 1918, John married, Ora Nina Sheffer on 29 March 1919 in Noble County, Indiana. Ora Sheffer was the daughter of Banner R. and Catherine (Zimmerman) Sheffer. She was first cousin of Lina.

Before marriage Lina was a teacher in one room rural schools in DeKalb County. She was a member of the St. Joe Ladies Literary Club and the St. Joe Church of Christ Church.

Sometime before 1920 John and his family moved to a farm he purchased in Wilmington Township, a few miles north of St. Joe. John was a member of Mt. Pleasant Evangelical United Brethren Church located just north of his residence. He remained on this farm until his death. During the last years of his life he shared his home with his daughter and son-in-law, Evalyn and Weldon Shafer.

Lina died on 09 July 1918. Ora died on 26 September 1935. John died on 09 May 1949. They are buried in Alton Cemetery, east of St. Joe.

Submitted by Lina Zerkle

William S. and Mary Ann (Miller) Knight

William was born on 02 January 1832 in Marion County, Ohio, to David B. and Mary Ann (Boyle) Knight. He came with his parents to DeKalb County in 1836. William and Mary Ann Miller were married in DeKalb County, 22 September 1853, by Henry Brown. Mary Ann was born 06 December 1836 in Ohio to Michael and Catherine Miller, who settled in the Concord area of DeKalb County about 1846.

William and Mary had twelve children: Michael (b 1854, d 1854); Mary Catherine (b. 1856, d 1868); Rebecca Nancy (b. 1857, d 1934) married 1884 to William Hildebrand; Sarah Cynthia (b 1859, d. 1944), married 1875 to Albert Belt; Lyman S. (b. 1861, d 1903); Samantha Minerva (b. 1863, d 1946), married 1885 to John Baker; Celesta Julia (b. 1865, d 1899), married John Apple; John Brookens (b 1867, d 1949), married 1902 to Lina Sheffer; Dorcas Viola (b. 1869, d 1947), married 1888 to Riley Johnson; Emma May (b. 1871, d. 1925), married 1897 to George Dailey; Alice Matilda (b. 1873, d. 1909), married 1908 to William Blair; Esther N. (b. 1875, d 1947), married?, Lockus VanLear.

For many years William and his family were members of the Concord Methodist Protestant Church. William served as a trustee in 1885. He later transferred his membership to the Fairview class. He furnished a corner of his property for the building of the Fairview Church and continued to support it until his death.

William died 21 August 1908 in DeKalb County. Mary Ann died 24 January 1883. Both are buried in Concord (Morr) Cemetery.

Submitted by Lina Zerkle

Terry W. Kryder & Tanya L Tucker, taken July 2000, Campbell Street, Corunna, DeKalb County, Indiana

Terry and Tanya Kryder

Terry Wayne Kryder entered this life on 12 January 1972 in DeKalb County, Auburn, Indiana. Terry is the third son of Clarence Alfred (b. 1929) and Ruth Ann Ketel (b. 1939). Terry graduated from Hamilton High School, in 1990. Terry lived all his life in Waterloo, Indiana until May of 2000 when he and his wife purchased a home in Corunna, Indiana. He has been employed for several companies since he was a teen (these include BuySmart, Auburn; Wal-Mart, Auburn;

Owen's, Auburn; The Butler Company, Butler; WBTU; International Wire Insulated Division, Corunna; Tireville, Garrett; ADT, Fort Wayne, Federal Mogul, Avilla). In 2004 Terry trained in Elkhart to drive truck and in his spare time he volunteers as a first responder for Corunna Fire Department, and teaches CPR to local residences with the DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Terry met Tanya through a mutual friend, Rick Short. Rick introduced the two after both of them separated from previous bad relationships. They started dating in October of 1999 and in June of 2000 Terry proposed to Tanya in front of the whole town of Corunna during the Corunna Fireman Festival. Later, Terry and Tanya would joke that the secret of Terry's proposal was the biggest secret the town ever kept, due to the fact that everyone knew about the proposal except Tanya.

On 30 September 2000, Terry married Tanya Louise Tucker the second and final child of Gary LaWayne Tucker (b. 1946) and Dorla Kay Smith (b. 1951) at Bixler Lake Park, Kendallville, Noble County, Indiana. Tanya was born 11 January 1976 in Kendallville, Noble County, Indiana (McCray Memorial Hospital). Tanya grew up in Albion, Noble County, Indiana. She was a graduate of Central Noble High School. Tanya began working early in life and held several jobs (the first real paying job being a paper route, and then she worked as a teen for The Hop Diner & Soda Shoppe, Kendallville; The Olympic Flame, Kendallville; Copper Zanxx, Avilla; CVS Pharmacy, Kendallville; Uniform Information Services, Kendallville; International Wire Insulated Division, Corunna; Key Plastics, Ashley; Garrett Chiropractic, Garrett; Mile Corner, Garrett). Tanya enjoys doing creative things, as well as writing, reading, embroidery, beadwork, photography, digital scrap booking, genealogy, and sewing.

Terry and Tanya hope to have children in the near future, but for now are happy to enjoy life with their four legged children, their five dogs

Submitted by Tanya and Terry Kryder

Hannah Valleau Latson Thomas

She is surrounded by her great grandchildren.

William Latson and Hannah Valleau

William was born before 1790 in Tiago County, New York, according to a family history located in the Indianapolis Genealogy Library. The Latson family originated from Dutch immigrants to the area which is now Albany, New York. They came in the early 1700's. There are variations of the name Latson that include Lansigh, Lansing, Letson, Lase, Lassen. In the 1830 Dutchess County, New York, census p. 172 Town of Amenia, there was a William Latson that had a male under five, two males under 15, and he (probably) was 60-70. There were females; two that were 15-20, one 20-30, one 50-60. Two residences down, there was a Stephen Latson that had males; one under 5, one 15-20, two 20-30, one 40-50, females; one 20-30. As far as we know, he died in New York as his wife remarried and living with her second husband in a later census in New York.

Hannah Valleau, daughter of Stephen Valleau was born about 1786. She and William married probably before 1806. Hannah is in the 1850 census, in the town of Darien, Genessee County, New York, and is living with her second husband, John Thomas. Part of the census is as follows: John Thomas, age 69, born in New York, Hannah Thomas, age 63, born in New York, George Thomas, age 26, born in New York, Hannah Valleau, born in New York, Mary Valleau, born in New York (age 2), Anna Thomas, born in England, William Thomas, born in New York (2), Chad Thomas (age 2 1/2), born in New York

Hannah Thomas deeded land 21 December 1857 to William A. Latson and Franklin J. Latson for thirty five dollars. She made a mark so she might not have been able to read. By 1860, she shows up in the DeKalb Union Township census living with her daughter, Hannah Latson Valleau. Hannah Thomas is 73.

William Latson and Hannah Valleau had seven children (that have been found): Mary Ann, Stephen, Isaac, Sarah A., James J., Cynthia, Hannah.

Mary Ann Latson (b. about 1806 New York d. June 1849). She married Levi Walsworth. They had five children: William J. Walsworth, Sarah E. Walsworth Piatt, George J. (or Jefferson G.) Walsworth, Wesley P. Walsworth, and Matilda E. Walsworth Likens.

Stephen Latson (b. about 1807 New York d. 24 May 1862). He married Abigail. They had three children: James H. Latson, Stephen E. Latson, and Charles Latson.

Isaac Lanslot Latson (b. about 1811 New York). He married Lusetta Dragoo. They had one child together, Orville.

Sarah A. Latson (b. 12 September 1811 Genesee County, New York d. 24 May 1862 DeKalb County). She married Daniel Altenburg. They had nine children: Daniel Wells Altenburg, Mary Jane Altenburg Hanes Sewell Kepler, Henry Esidore Altenburg, Harriett “Hattie” Emeline Altenburg Hanes, David Cosper “Cosper or Cos” Altenburg/ Altenberg, Isaac Lanslot Altenburg, Sylvia Almira Altenburg Bates, and William James Altenburg.

James J. Latson (b. 02 June 1819 New York d. 24 November 1905 Angola, Indiana) James married Cynthia Rowley. They had nine children: Emeline “Emma” Latson Plum, William A. Latson, Mary Helen Latson, Harriet “Hattie” E. Latson, Sarah A. Latson McIntyre Harris Balliet, Francis “Fannie” Latson Cowen, Franklin James Latson, Joel Henry “Tode” Latson, and Alda J. Latson Shaffer.

Cynthia Latson (b. 29 August 1820 Genesee County, New York d. 05 May 1879 Highland Township, Osceola, Michigan. Cynthia Latson married John C. Symonds. They had six children: Mary Symonds Culver, Caroline Symonds, Matilda Symonds, John Henry “Henry” Symonds, Hannah Symonds, and William Symonds.

Hannah Latson (b. 09 August 1824 d. 20 January 1905 DeKalb County). She married William Valleau of New York. They had three children: Mary Helen Valleau Whitford, Alice Valleau, and Charles Valleau.

Hannah died 25 November 1866. She is buried in the Evergreen Cemetery in Auburn, Indiana.

Submitted by Roselyn Wells

Francis Leason

Francis Leason was born 02 February 1854 in Erie County, Ohio to Joseph Leason and Mary Sharp. Joseph was born 02 December 1810, and Mary was born 02 March 1819, both in England. Francis's paternal grandfather's name was also Francis Leason. Joseph and Mary were married in June 1848, and the following week set out for the United States and settled in Erie County, Ohio. Francis was their only child, and they moved to Troy Township, DeKalb County, Indiana in 1867. Joseph died in 1879 and Mary in 1872.

Francis married Mary E. Stearns 05 December 1879. Her parents were John and Nancy Ward Stearns. Francis and Mary had three children all born in Troy Township. John was born 06 May 1881 and married Mildred Christina Hammond 08 June 1904. Charles was born 17 February 1883, was married and moved to Monroe, Michigan. Carrie was born 06 February 1887.

Francis and Mary were active members in the Zion United Brethren Church and Francis Leason was a Republican. Francis was a lifetime farmer and his family farm was located in the east half of the northwest corner of Section 8 of Troy Township. Francis passed away 07 February 1934, and Mary passed away November 1929. They are both buried in Eddy Cemetery.

Submitted by Michael Slentz

John Leason

John Leason was born in Troy Township, DeKalb County on 06 May, 1881. His parents were Francis Leason and Mary E Stearns. He married Mildred Christiana Hammond on 08 June, 1904 at the Methodist Church in Hamilton, Indiana. Mildred was born 29 October 1885 in Franklin Township, DeKalb County, Indiana, to George Edward Hammond and Sarah Carolyn Dirrim.

John and Mildred had six children, all born in Troy Township.

Violet was born 03 September 1904. She married Russell Jacob Slentz 13 September 1922 in Hillsdale, Michigan. Violet died of cancer at home on 29 October, 1963. Russell died at home on 29 October 1974. They are both buried at Hamilton Cemetery.

Martin was born 01 Dec. 1907. He married Mary Catherine Showalter in Defiance, Ohio on 15 February 1932. Martin died 25 May 1992.

Mildred was born 12 December 1909. She married the Rev. Vern Leonard 13 June 1935 in Ashley, DeKalb County. She passed away 17 December 2000, and is buried in Spring Hill Cemetery, Fort Recovery, Oregon.

Dorothy Irene and Doris were both born 30 October 1911.

Dorothy married Walter Hamman 04 April 1934 in Auburn, Indiana. Dorothy passed away 26 August 1999. Walter died 26 January 1983. They are both buried in Eddy Cemetery.

Doris married Elmer Freed 13 January 1935 in Hamilton, Indiana, and they both live in Garrett, Indiana.

Marvin Leason was born 29 August 1923. He married Joan Bertsch 25 October 1947 in Markle, Indiana. Marvin passed away 19 August 1993, and is buried in Eddy Cemetery. Joan survives and lives in Hamilton. They had 80 acres in Troy Township that they devoted to general farming and stock raising.

They were both active members of the Zion United Brethren Church, and John was a Republican in politics. They retired to Hicksville, Oregon. John Leason died 14 November 1967, and Mildred died 10 June 1963. They are both buried in Eddy Cemetery.

Submitted by Michael Slentz

Levi and Malinda (Wolf) Myers

Levi Myers was born 09 April 1852 in Franklin Township, DeKalb County, to George and Catherine (Rush) Myers. His father was born in Ohio and mother born in Pennsylvania. Levi's siblings were John (b. about 1846) and Jacob (b. about 1849).

Levi Myers and Malinda Wolf were married in DeKalb County on 28 April 1877. Malinda's parents were Daniel and Mary (Walter) Wolf. Daniel was born in Columbiana County, Ohio. Mary Walter was born in Union County, Pennsylvania. Malinda's first husband was Amzi Myers and they had five sons: James W., Samuel C., Thomas E., Jacob U., and Andrew S.

After marriage Levi and Malinda settled on a farm in Franklin Township. Here one daughter, Amanda, was born 14 August 1878. They raised another child, Mina Enzor. Levi and Malinda resided on their farm until December 1912 when they moved to Waterloo. Here they lived in a large brick house on North Wayne Street.

Malinda had been raised in River Brethren church. Levi was affiliated with the United Methodist Episcopal as a young man. Levi and Malinda were became members of the Waterloo United Brethren church where Levi was active as a class leader, superintendent of the Sunday School and served as a trustee for the church

Levi died 06 October 1922 at his home in Waterloo. Malinda died 02 October 1933 at her Waterloo residence. Both are buried in the Waterloo Cemetery.

Submitted by Lina Zerkle

Maxine Ruth McConnell and Donald Frederick Lininger

Maxine Ruth (McConnell) Lininger was born 08 October 1925 in Richland Township, DeKalb County, daughter of Walter and Nellie (Nicholas) McConnell. Her paternal grandparents were George Hiram and Alice (Tongue) McConnell. Her maternal grandparents were William Milo and Amanda Estella (Friend) Nicholas. Maxine had two brothers: Donald McConnell of Fremont Indiana, Dale McConnell of Coldwater, Michigan, and one sister, Helen Hughes of Coldwater, Michigan.

She married Donald Frederick Lininger 07 December 1942 at Ray, Indiana.

Donald and Maxine Lininger

Donald was born 22 February 1921 in Scott Township, Steuben County, Indiana. He was the son of John Frederick and Edith Eleanor (Beebe) Lininger. His paternal grandparents were Francis Marion and Amelia Victoria (Cleveland) Lininger. His maternal grandparents were Ulysses Adelbert and Emma Jene (Claypool) Beebe. Donald had three sisters: Willa Penick, Velma Deller and Freda Murden.

Donald was in the Army Air Force. He

served overseas two and a half years. After his tour of duty, he worked at the Weatherhead Plant in Angola thirty-three years.

They were both active in the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints where he was a preacher and held the office of an elder. She worked in the Angola School System as dietician for fifteen years.

Donald and Maxine are the parents of five daughters: Marietta (Lininger) Snyder Tredway, rural Angola; Linda Kaye (Lininger) Castle of rural Angola; Cheryl Anne (Lininger) Sullivan Powell of Angola; Edith Eleanor (Lininger) Potts, rural Fort Wayne; Janine Lininger of rural Angola.

They built their home in the back acreage of his Lininger grandparents' farm, northeast of Angola.

Donald died 19 April 1985.

They have six grandchildren and seven great grand-children.

Submitted by Susanna Johnson

Isaac Livergood

Isaac Livergood married Mary Emmons 08 February 1849; Catherine Thomas 18 Sept 1856; and Mary Catharine Thomas 27 June 1878. Isaac might have divorced #2 and married her again.

Isaac and Catharine (Kerstetter) Thomas Livergood had two sons: Joseph "Joe" and John D. Livergood.

Joseph "Joe" was born 12 April 1862 in Auburn Indiana. He never married and died 06 March 1932. He is buried in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, near Butler, Indiana.

John D. was born 03 July 1865, DeKalb County, Indiana. He married Clara Abbie Rollins 05 January 1888 and died 19 August 1938 and is buried at Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, near Butler, Indiana. Mt. Pleasant Cemetery was originally called Sawdust Cemetery at the time of their burial.

Submitted by Irene Olney

Conrad Lumm

Conrad Lumm (b. 1823) was a farmer from Kassel, Hesse, Germany. Before 1849 he married Magdalena Pippert/Peppert (b. 1819). In 1876 they immigrated to America with two adult and two teenage children, a son-in-law and a two-year-old grandson. They sailed from Bremen, Germany on the steamship, Main, arriving in New York on 15 April 1876, where they were probably processed at the Castle Garden immigration center. They settled in Auburn, Indiana, joining their daughter, Elizabeth Catherine Lumm Rudolph, who had immigrated earlier.

Conrad and Magdalena had seven children, all probably born in or near Kassel, six of whom reached adulthood. At least four married after they arrived in Indiana but their spouses were German-born.

1) Anna Martha, born in July 1849, married Friedrich Funk (b. 11 September 1849) in about 1873. Their son Heinrich (Henry) was born in 1874. Friedrich (Fredrick) Funk was a stone mason in Auburn, and Henry was a butcher. Fredrick Funk died in Auburn on 21 July 1906. He is buried in Woodlawn Cemetery.

2) Elizabeth Catherine, born 05 February 1851, immigrated to America in 1874. She married John Rudolph on 24 February 1876. For additional information see John Rudolph's biography.

3) Michael B., born in 1856, married Elizabeth Hixe. She was born in 1856 in Mecklenberg, Germany. They had no children. He was a supervisor for the Wabash Railroad in Peru, Indiana. Michael died July 1914 in Peru. Elizabeth died in 1915. They are buried in Evergreen Cemetery in Auburn.

4) Johannes (John) M., born in 1860, married Rosalie Bovlich. She was born in 1859 in Germany. He was a railroad section

Conrad Lumm and John Rudolph Families
Auburn, Indiana 1900

foreman. They had six children: Mathilde (Tillie), born 04 July 1885; Michael (Mike), born 06 March 1887; Martha A., born 21 September 1889; Edna, born 23 September 1891; Elizabeth C. (Lizzie), born 07 July 1894; Albert, born 21 November 1896. Mike owned a grocery store at 305 South Jackson Street in Auburn. Three daughters, Tillie, Edna and Lizzie, never married and lived together at 1307 S. Jackson Street in Auburn. Albert died at 19 and never married. John Lumm died 12 May 1931, and his wife, Rosalie, died in 1937. They are buried in Woodlawn Cemetery in Auburn, Indiana.

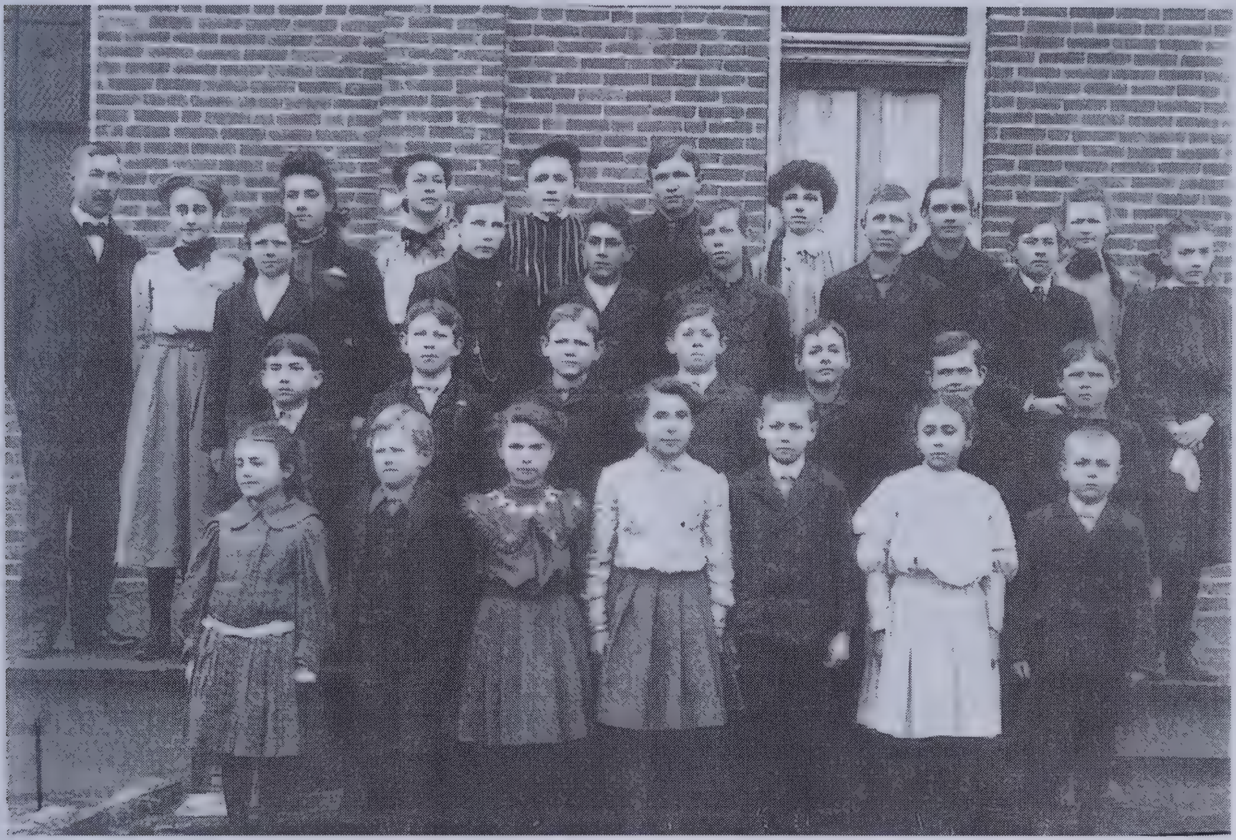
5) Martha Elizabeth, born November 1861, married Charles Henke. He was born in 1860 in Germany. He was a railroad laborer. They had four children: Lena, born August 1888; Hanna, born September 1889; Fred, born November 1891; and Carl, born August 1894. Martha died in March 1914 in South Milford, Indiana and is buried in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

6) The name and dates of one daughter are not known with certainty, though her married name may have been Lottie Glowe, and she may have lived in LaOtto, Indiana.

Conrad and Magdalena each lived with a different child after arriving in Auburn.

Conrad lived with his son, Michael, and died 22 March 1879. Magdalena died 25 November 1900 at the home of her daughter, Anna Martha Funk. Conrad and Magdalena are buried in Evergreen Cemetery in Auburn.

Submitted by Carolyn E. Trammel



School is located on the Auburn-Ashley Road (CR27) across from CR 36.

Bottom row: 3rd from left: Edna Lung, 4th from left: Blanche E. Lung
2nd row: unknown
3rd row: 3rd from left: Arthur Lung
4th row: 3rd from left: Lulu Lung

The Lung Children

The Lung children that are pictured in the school picture were siblings from the family of Noah and Sarah (Hawk) Lung.

Noah was born 21 December 1862, died 1948. Sarah was born 29 January 1864, died 1931. Noah and Sarah had six children: Blanche (Lung) Smith, Mabel (Lung) Emme, Lulu (Lung) Mertz, Jennie (Lung) Lower and Edna (Lung) Persing and Arthur Lung.

Submitted by Judy Ditmars

Martin and Eliza (Treesh) Marsh

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Martin Marsh was born 25 September 1854 in DeKalb County near St. Joe, Indiana.

Martin married Eliza Treesh on 07 October 1874 in Auburn, Indiana. He was employed with the Madden Brothers Marble Works in Auburn and later he worked with the interurban company. Martin died at his home that he had resided for eighteen years located at 116 N. Summit Street, Kendallville, Indiana. Eliza was born 09 March 1858 in DeKalb County, Indiana to John and Susanna Swander Treesh of Auburn, Indiana.

Martin and Eliza had eleven children: Blanche Mae b. 12 September 1875, Rosa Belle b. 26 June 1878; Inez Ellen b. 29 January 1882; Clyde J. b. 09 February 1884; Elsie Edith b. 05 September 1887; Hazel Beatrice b. 11 September 1889; Ross M. b. 10 September 1891; Vera Marie b. 19 October 1895; Gladys Lucile b. 19 April 1898; twin Ralph E.; b. 20 July 1902; twin Robert Leo b. 20 July 1902.

Martin was buried 23 May 1923 in Woodlawn cemetery located at Auburn.

Eliza died 22 December 1942 at the home of her daughter, Lucile Boring at Kendallville, Indiana. She is interred at Woodlawn cemetery in Auburn, Indiana.

Submitted by Sally Goodyear

William F. and Cora Maxwell

Three generations of Maxwell's occupied a brick farmhouse located on Highway 101 in Concord Township. The red brick farmhouse still stands, just south of the St. Joe River Bridge, and north of the Alton Cemetery. Until it was necessary to have them removed, there were four large evergreen trees in front of the house that served as a landmark.

The house stood on or near the sight originally occupied by the home of Benjamin Alton, one of the early settlers who came to this area in March of 1836.

The first Maxwell to live on the farm was William F. Maxwell. The mother of William died at an early age and he was taken to raise by her brother, Thomas Schroyer and wife Susan. Tax records show that the farm was purchased by Thomas Schroyer about 1897. At about the same time, William F and his wife, Cora Oberholtzer Maxwell moved from Wilmington Township to the property just to the south.

Thomas Schroyer willed his farm property to Roy E. and Merritt M. Maxwell, the two sons of William and Cora. After the death of Thomas, William and Cora moved into the brick farmhouse where they raised their three sons. (A third son, Willard G. was born after the death of "Uncle" Thomas.)

As children, all three boys attended, first, Cheesetown School, located across the road from the Alton Cemetery, then St. Joe School for their middle and high school education. Both Roy and Merritt found it necessary to travel to Auburn in order to obtain a full four years of high school. The fourth year at St. Joe was not added until 1916.

The William F. Maxwell Family

The second generation to occupy the brick farmhouse was Roy. After the death of his father and the failing health of his mother, he purchased his brother Merritt's share and moved his family from St. Joe to the family farm about 1933. Roy and his wife, Stella Dages Maxwell raised two children, James R. and Patricia Ann. Both grew up, first in St. Joe, and then on the farm. Roy was Principal of the Concord Township School in St. Joe until drafted into service with the US Army in WW I. After the war he returned to the same position until moving to the farm. After a few years of farming he returned to teaching in the St. Joe school system until his retirement.

The Third Generation to live in the brick farmhouse was James R. Although he was born in St. Joe, he lived on the farm from 1933 until drafted into Military Service in 1942.

The last Maxwell to live in the farmhouse was Willard G. After Roy's health declined, he sold the farm to his youngest brother Willard and wife Ruth.

Living direct descendants of the three sons of Wm. F. Maxwell include; Robert Maxwell, son of Merritt; Paul Maxwell and Sharon Hightower, son and daughter of Willard G. Maxwell; and James R. Maxwell, son of Roy.

Ancestors of William F. are: Benjamin F. b. 23 December 1842, Morgan County, Ohio. James, b. 13 September 1810, Tazewell County, Virginia; Robert, b. 05 July 1786, Tazewell, Co. Virginia; Captain James b. before 1745, Ulster, Ireland; John Maxwell, b. circa 1710, Ulster, Ireland; Sir Thomas Maxell, Kirkconnell, Scotland.

Submitted

Levi McBride and family

Levi was born 15 August 1832 in Knox County, Ohio, to parents William and Elizabeth (Bulyard?) McBride. Levi married Catherine Kunkle on 06 November 1852 in Knox County, Ohio and their first five children were born in Ohio between 1853 and 1861. Daughters, Mary and Isadora were born in DeKalb County, Indiana in 1862 and 1863. Levi was living in Williams County, Ohio, in the 1867 personal property tax rolls and in the 1870 Census with his wife and children. By 1880 he is in the DeKalb County census but widowed and none of his children are living with him. His mother and father died in Bryan, Williams County, Ohio, in December 1882 and October 1891. Levi appears to live the rest of his life in Butler. He was listed in the 1870 and 1880 census as a carpenter. Later he manufactured hickory ax handles.

His wife Catherine was the first child of Samuel Kunkle and Elizabeth Statler/ Stotler. She was born 10 August 1828 in Ohio, probably Knox County. She was listed as an early member of the Mount Pleasant United Brethren Church in Wilmington Township along with William McBride and his wife.

Levi and Catherine had at least eight children: Elizabeth (b. 02 July 1853), Zelpha (b. 23 December 1854), Curtis (b. 16 September 1856), Alphous (b. 13 February 1858), Harry (b. 16 April 1861), Mary (b. 29 June 1862), Isadora (b. 21 December 1863) and Addie (b. 11 February 1868).

On 08 December 1887 Levi married Emily M. Cochran and they were living on Walnut Street in Butler in the 1900 census. Levi died 21 June 1905 and is buried in the Butler Cemetery.

Submitted by Leona Wingard

Clara Louise Hanes and Eston B. McCague

Clara Louise Hanes was born in a big brick house that her father built, the youngest of the eight children of George William Hanes and Harriet Altenburg Hanes, on 03 July 1884. Clara had typhoid fever in 1906. She loved traveling to visit with relatives and friends. Clara married Eston B. McCague, the son of James P. McCague and Nancy A. Bowman on 25 November 1908. Eston was born 03 June 1888. On back of their wedding certificate there are a list of signed names, presumably they were wedding guests: Blanche Cox, E. E. Cox, Carleton Hanes, Mrs. M. W. Wagner, Florence E. Wagner, Carl C. Wagner, Mrs. Jane Deems, Mrs. Jeremiah Kepler, David Aldrich, Mrs. Hattie Aldrich, Roy "Pickle" Johnson, Wm. Deems, Mrs. Ida Haines, Harriet Hanes, William Hanes, Hazel Haines, C. R. Haines, Walter R. Cherry, Sadie O. Cherry, Eldon E. Cherry, and G. W. Heffelfinger.

Eston and Clara had no children. She and Eston lived with her mother until her death. Clara and Eston purchased the house her dad had built and lived there many years until the time of the depression. They sold the home and built a little house on the corner, using some of the barn siding from the old homestead, for wood in the floor of their new home. They made extensive changes, in 1937, to their little home, adding a new modern porch among other things, and were very proud of it. They took before and after pictures and had them blown up to display.

Her brother, Carl, lived with her all her life. She took care of her friends and family, when they were too old to take care of themselves. One friend that she cared for was Almira Teutsch. When they were seriously ill, she cared for her sister, Sarah Heffelfinger and her brother, Alt until they had to go to the hospital. She got the "Women of the Year" award in 1938, and in the article it mentions, "She takes friends and neighbors out in her old Chevrolet to the grocery store, the doctors, wherever they need a ride. Mrs. McCague is 85 years old." She was also quoted as saying at the age of 92, "I like to take the old people to the grocery store to help out." She had the paint rubbed off the top of her car, where she would set her groceries on top, while she opened the door for herself and her friends.

She worked for the DeKalb County Welfare Department and belonged to many clubs and organizations, including the Wilmington Township Extension Club and United Methodist Church of Butler. Clara loved her family, encouraging reunions and enjoyed sharing her genealogy research and history with her family. She was of a generation to write letters and was a caring person. In her diaries, it would mention her getting sick when she would go to funerals and visit the terminally ill in the nursing homes and hospitals. She put her whole self into whatever she was doing and sometimes suffered the next day for this emotional distress.

Clara Louise Hanes McCague and Eston McCague

Eston grew up in Waterloo, Indiana and traveled around working for his father, James McCague. He would send postcards back to Clara, while they were dating. Most of them had pictures of water towers on them

He and Clara lived in Waterloo, one year after marriage, and then they moved to Auburn for two years. Clara and he then moved to homestead of George William Hanes, father of Clara, where he became a farmer. He was very successful and had a large circle of friends. He died after an extended illness of three years at their home. He had heart trouble and was bedfast for three weeks before he died.

She was moved to Carlin Nursing Home in 1978.

Submitted by Roselyn Wells

John McConnell and Elizabeth Snider

John McConnell was born 1812, died in 1893. His parents were unknown. John married Elizabeth Snider, who was born 1814 and died in 1898. She was the daughter of John and Charlotte (Sellers) Snider. They are buried at Sixteen Cemetery, DeKalb County. There were five children, including George Hiram.

George Hiram was born 18 January 1846 and died 15 October 1929. On 03 July 1870, George Hiram McConnell married Alice Rebecca Tongue, born 22 October 1852 and Alice died 18 May 1929. Alice was the daughter of William Tongue and wife, Ida Brand. After Mr. Tongue's death, Ida married Joseph Bowman in 1856. She is reported to have had three children, but Alice is the only known child at this time.

There are six children of George Hiram McConnell and his wife, Alice R. Tongue: Cora, who married John Martz; Elnora, who married Laurence Monrow; John F. who married Mamie Christine Geiger; Florence, who married Bert Nichols, James who married Maude Cobb; and Walter who married Nellie May Nicholas.

Submitted by Susanna Johnson

Nellie May Nicholas and Walter McConnell

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Nellie May Nicholas was born 24 October 1898, south of Corunna, DeKalb County, Indiana, daughter of William and Amanda (Friend) Nicholas. Her paternal grandparents were Salvin Garrett and Marietta (Beaird) Nicholas. Her maternal grandparents were Norris and Susanna (Deter) Friend. Nellie had one brother, Forrest Nicholas of rural Auburn and three sisters: Iona, died in infancy; Ruby Selby; Faye Bolinger of rural Auburn.

Nellie married Walter McConnell 04 December 1919. He was born 23 November 1892, in DeKalb County, son of George Hiram and Alice (Tongue) McConnell. Alice came from England. His paternal grandparents were John and Elizabeth (Snider) McConnell. He had two brothers, John and James and three sisters, Cora Martz, Nora Monroe and Florence Nichols.

They were the parents of four children: Donald of Fremont, Indiana; Helen Hughes of Coldwater Michigan; Maxine Lininger of Angola; Dale of Coldwater, Michigan.

Walter was in World War I in the Rainbow Division that was made up of volunteer men for the army. They served in France and Germany. His helmet saved his life as there is a dent where a bullet hit. Masks were used by this division for protection against gas used by the enemy.

Walter died 07 February 1967 and Nellie died 03 February 1982. They are both buried in Ray Cemetery, Ray, Indiana.

Submitted by Susanna Johnson

William James McNabb

William James McNabb was born 09 August 1814 somewhere in Pennsylvania, of unknown parents. He moved to Ohio in 1830 and learned the trade of a brick mason. In 1835 he visited Indiana and entered 160 virgin acres in Jackson Township, DeKalb County and in 1836 brought his wife Mary Ann and settled.

'*Valley of the Upper Maumee' records*, "He came to Indiana with only $5 in money. En route one of his oxen dying he had to yoke up one of his cows to finish the journey. He had the pleasure on one occasion by ambushing behind a tree, to kill one of the bears which infested the woods, with his ax."

'*H. L. Carnahan' records*, "[His] family had settled along an old Indian trail and many times the Indians stopped there for water or something to eat."

William married Mary Ann Watson, daughter of William and Susan (Keffer) Watson, Jr. about 1836. Mary Ann was born 22 September 1815 in Ohio (probably Richland County).

William and Mary Ann had eight children: Susan married Robert Shippy; Margaret A. married Hezekiah L. Carnahan and farmed in Jackson Township; John died while serving in the Civil War; William J., Jr., was a Civil War veteran and then married Catherine Hursh; and two unknown males who died young.

Active in establishing early DeKalb County government, he was a participant in local politics. William was elected to serve as only the second Constable in Jackson Township, a DeKalb County commissioner, and justice of the peace for 8 years.

Mary Ann died 19 October 1853 and is buried in the Watson Cemetery in Jackson Township. William then remarried Fanny Carnahan, widowed daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth (Smith) Carnahan on 11 December 1856. Fanny was born about 1821 in Pennsylvania, resided in Ohio, and moved to Indiana in 1855.

After clearing 100 acres, William sold out and in 1859 moved a few miles south into Cedar Creek Township in Allen County, where he purchased 120 acres and cleared most of this.

William and Fanny had just one daughter, Mary Elizabeth, who married John C. 'Champ' Bailey, a butcher and grocer in the St. Joe area.

William died 28 September 1876 on his farm in Allen County. Twice widowed Fanny then lived with her brothers, Hezekiah and Wilson Carnahan. She died 16 February 1887 and William and Fanny are both buried in the Old Leo Cemetery.

William and his two wives are examples of the hard work and sacrifice required to clear land and build farms in the raw wilderness of early DeKalb County. Not only was he an original pioneer of the land, William also was involved in pioneering the governmental process that civilized the wilderness.

Submitted by Ralph O. Diehl

The Family of Henry Miller
L to R: Guy, Jennora Spindler Miller, Delia (baby), Arthur

Henry Miller and Family

Henry Miller was born 11 March 1854 in Germany to Barbara (Stomm) Miller. Henry first married Eliza Ellen "Ella" Strow 18 April 1882 in DeKalb County, Indiana. To this union was born one child, Arthur. Ella was born 16 March 1862 and passed away 06 April 1885. Henry later married Jenora Spindler 03 April 1892. To this union, two children were born: Guy was born 01 September 1893 and Delia B. was born 06 August 1896, both in DeKalb County. Guy served in the infantry in WWI in 3rd Co., 1st Tr. Bn., 158th D.B. and never married. He passed away 01 June 1975 in Steuben County, Indiana. Delia married H. Earl Husselman 19 January 1919 and passed away 29 January 1985 in DeKalb County. Henry departed this life 29 March 1897. Jenora later married David Rowe 03 September 1901.

Henry's mother, Barbara, departed from her homeland in Germany with her husband (thought to be Jacob) between 1854 and 1857. Henry was the youngest child of a family of 13, of which 9 died either in Germany or on the way to America, including the father. Children surviving were: Margaretta, Jacob, Valentine, and Henry. Barbara later married Jacob Metzger 13 October 1857 in DeKalb County.

Submitted by Scot Vincent

Noah Miller family

Noah Miller was born 27 April 1841 in Holmes County, Ohio, a son of Daniel and Lydia (Funk) Miller. His family moved to DeKalb County in the late 1850's and settled in Franklin Township in the 1860's.

On 03 January 1864 in Waterloo, Indiana, Noah enlisted in the War of the Rebellion, in Company A, 88th Regiment Indiana Volunteers. He transferred to Company D 38th Regiment Indiana Volunteers on 07 June 1865 and mustered out 15 July 1865 as a private. He was also a member of the (Grand Army of the Republic) G.A.R Meade Post, No. 44 Butler, Indiana.

On 09 July 1869 he was married to Alice Wolf, a native of Franklin Township, DeKalb County, Indiana. She was born in Franklin Township 15 April 1853 to Michael and Frances (Willey) Wolf. To this

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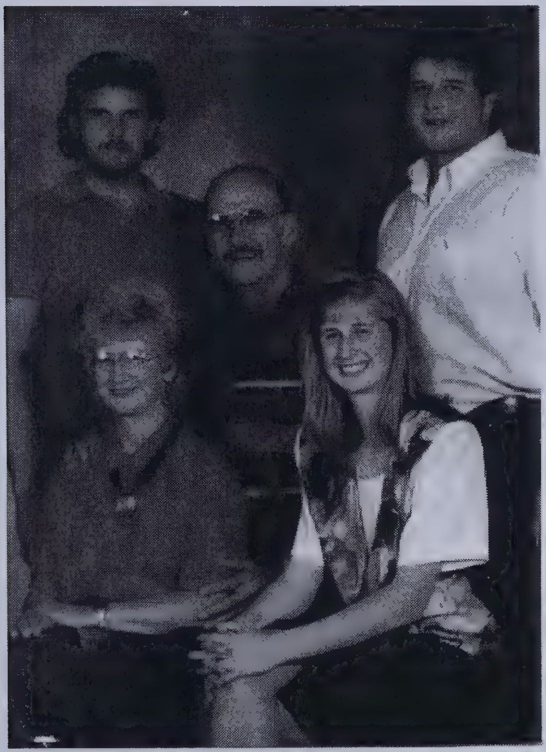
Noah Miller Family

union, they had three daughters, Lois Florence, Eretta Mae, and Cora Belle.

Alice died on 30 September 1919 and is buried in the Waterloo Cemetery. Noah died 12 February 1927 and also is buried in the Waterloo Cemetery.

Lois Florence had four children: Chester Frick, Elwood, Mabel Belle, and Grace Saunders. Eretta had one daughter Florence Ethel Moore. Cora having no children passed away at the age of 23 in 1876.

Submitted by Joleene Kaiser



Front Row: Sharon and Mindy Mills
Back Row: Tom, Rod, Rob Mills

Rodney Daniel Mills Family

Rodney Daniel Mills was born 26 November 1942 in Niagara Falls, New York. He was the son of Russell Thomas Mills and Golda Marie Rowe. He married Alana Rae French 28 May 1965 in Pleasant Lake, Indiana. She was born 23 March 1947 in Angola, Indiana, and died 13 April 1992 in Denver, Colorado. She was the daughter of Harland Otho French and Wildred Norma Miller. He married Sharon Louise Maggart 13 May 1972 in Fort Wayne, Indiana. She was born 11 September 1946 in Warsaw, Indiana. Her grandfather, Dr. Virgil Hursey actually delivered her, since her mother's doctor did not arrive in time. She is the daughter of Donald Roy Maggart and Mary Helena Hursey. The Maggarts were from Fort Wayne and the Hurseys were from Milford, Indiana. Sharon attended New Haven High School, IPFW and Indiana Wesleyan University, graduating in 1988 with a Bachelor’s Degree in Business Administration.

Rod has two brothers and two sisters. Both of his brothers are deceased, Robert Thomas Mills, died March 2001, and Ronald Mills, died October 1985. His sisters are Rita Smith (Lloyd), Black Duck, Minnesota and Roselyn Wells (James), Auburn.

Sharon has three brothers; Bruce Maggart (Barbara), Woodstock, Georgia; Kent Maggart (Terry), Goshen, Indiana; and Jeffrey Geller, Nappanee, Indiana.

Rod has two sons from his first marriage; Thomas Mills (Ferin), and Robert Mills, both living in Aurora, Colorado. Tom has two sons, Bryan and C.J. and a daughter, Kaileen. Rob has two daughters, Ashley and Kristen. Rod and Sharon have a daughter, Melinda Mills, Garden City, Kansas.

Rod went to Ashley High School in Ashley. He received eleven letters in cross country, basketball and track and won the Gold Shoe for best runner at Ashley. Rod also was active in FFA (Future Farmers of America) and was the FFA school reporter one year. He also won the Ashley Chapter Star Farmer Award his senior year. He carried a B average in and won the "Math Award". Rod was in the school plays his junior and senior years. He played Bill Hicks in *Swing Your Partner*, his junior year and Paw Hollowbone in *Headin' For a Weddin'* his senior year.

Rod went to college at Manchester College for one year and lettered in cross country. He finished second in the Hoosier College Conference and the team won the Conference in 1960. He transferred to Tri-State College in Angola in 1961 and received a scholarship to play basketball. Rod roomed with Ray Lothery for two years in Platt Hall. Ray later played basketball for the Harlem Globetrotters.

Rod worked at Central Soya, in Fort Wayne, starting on 03 January 1967. He started as a Drafter, attended IPFW at night, and later became a Project Engineer. He was promoted to Corporate Purchasing Manager in 1992. He was the Corporate Purchasing/ Facilities Manager in 2002 when Bunge purchased Central Soya. Rod worked for Bunge until 30 September 2003.

On 06 October 2003, Rod started working for M & W Contractors, Inc at East Peoria, Illinois, as their Marketing/Estimating Director. They build soybean extraction, refineries, ethanol and biodiesel plants throughout the country. He travels a lot in his Company's Yukon and if lucky, goes to the sites in the company plane. Rod attends a lot of different shows and expos. He usually will set up a company booth at these events to meet customers.

In 2005, Sharon and Rod purchased a pontoon boat and docked it in the Illinois River down the hill from their home.

Submitted by Rodney D. Mills

Back Row:
Golda Rowe Mills and Russell T. Mills
Front Row L to R:
Ronald Mills and Robert Mills

Russell Thomas Mills and Golda Marie Rowe

Russell Thomas Mills was born 16 October 1908 at Dickenson's Landing, Ontario, Canada. His parents were Thomas Daniel Mills (b. 22 May 1881 d. 20 January 1961) and Mabel Waldorf (b. 31 July 1887 d. 06 September 1950). He had one brother Harold "Eddie" Edgar Mills. Their land adjoined the St. Lawrence Seaway and his father and uncle were St. Lawrence Seaway Pilots. He spoke French and because of his Scottish heritage wore kilts as a child. His paternal grandparents were Samuel Mills and Barbara Stephenson. Barbara's

Grandfather, Andrew Stephenson, was killed on the streets of Ireland during the unrest and Barbara's grandmother and father came overseas to Canada. His maternal grandparents were Truman "Edgar" Waldorf and Margaret Winters. Edgar's great great grandfather, Martin Waldorf, was a Loyalist in the American Revolutionary War. His brothers had stayed and fought for America and his father was heartbroken with his Loyalist son. Martin forfeited his land in America.

Russell played amateur hockey when he was a teenager and worked on the boats during summer breaks after he turned 14. Russell attended college at TriState University in Angola where he met his future wife, Golda Rowe, daughter of David and Jennora Spindler Rowe, on a blind date. On 22 February 1930, they eloped to Howe Military in LaGrange County and kept their marriage secret to most people until after she graduated from Salem High School. Russell was shy one semester of graduating from TriState when he was offered a Chemical Engineering job with E. I. DuPont. This was at the start of the Depression and he took the opportunity, working for DuPont for 23 years, working in the Engineering Department and inventing new products. Unfortunately he did not retain the rights to them, as he signed them away when he was hired. For many years, they lived at Niagara Falls, New York and then lived at Wisconsin when he got transferred.

Golda Marie Rowe (b. 17 November 1911) was mostly a stay at home mom, raising five children: Robert "Bob" Thomas Mills, Ronald "Ron" Bruce Mills, Rodney "Rod" Daniel Mills, Rita Joyce Mills, Roselyn "Rozzy" Mills.

Robert Thomas was born 21 February 1931 Buffalo, New York and died 09 March 2001 Westbrook, Maine. He married JoAnn Chapin 22 September 1951. They had four children: Thomas (stillborn), Michael "Mike", Cheryl (deceased), and Gail.

Ronald Bruce was born 21 November 1932 Niagara Falls, New York and died 05 October 1985 Auburn, Indiana. He married twice, the second time to Anna Katharina Elizabeth "Liz" Bream. He may have had one child by his first marriage. He had five children by his second marriage to Elizabeth "Liz": Rebecca, Rose Lynn (deceased), Roger, Roderick "Ricky", and Ramona.

Rodney Daniel was born 26 November 1942 Niagara Falls, New York. He married (1) Alana French 28 May 1965 (2) Sharon Louise Maggart 13 May 1972.

Rita Joyce was born 01 February 1947 in Wauwatosa, Wisconsin. She married Lloyd Smith in 1970. She has three children, Jamie Ryan Mills, Dawn Renee, and Fawn Rayell.

Roselyn Iris was born 16 April 1953 in Waukesha, Wisconsin. She married James Wells 05 November 1971. They had three children: stillborn, Amanda, and Jaime.

Golda had eight brothers and only one sister, and was very much a tom boy growing up. Even as an adult she could out-fish and out-hunt her brothers. She received a shotgun as a wedding present from Russell. She loved joking around and had a wicked sense of humor. She loved having her children and grandchildren around her, especially during Sunday dinners.

After quitting E. I. DuPont on a doctor's suggestion, Russell decided to move to Indiana, near Golda's relatives, to take up farming full time. He was not good at this. After this failed, he took the first job offered to him at Flint and Walling in Kendallville, Indiana. Russell and Golda also raised and sold flowers and had a nursery as a hobby. They were well known in the area for their outstanding chrysanthemums. Russell retired in 1974 after being widowed on 30 June 1972. They had both looked forward to his retiring and Golda dreamed of going to Yellowstone Park when they were able. She never realized this dream.

Russell married Carrie Lucille "Peggy" Nelson Rowe, widow of Golda's brother, Allen, in September of 1974. She worked hard all her life at Reike Corporation, and had also retired before her marriage to Russell. They had many good years together, traveling to Canada, California and everywhere between that they had time to visit. Russ and Peggy also split their time between living at Auburn, Barton Lake in Steuben County, and Florida. They enjoyed bingo, senior citizen activities, and being with their family and friends. Peggy always was so cheerful and loving and was a wonderful person. Russell passed away 25 June 1987 from a heart attack. He had diabetes and congenital heart disease. Peggy passed away 13 May 2002 at the age of 94. She was shy two weeks of making age 95. She always looked younger than she actually was.

Submitted by Roselyn Wells

Lawerance Freeman Moore and Eretta Mae Miller

Lawerance Freeman Moore, Freeman as he liked to be called, was born 12 March 1875 in Hamilton, Steuben County, Indiana, to Thomas R. and Dianthe (Fee) Moore. His paternal grandparents were George and Mary (Filmore) Moore and his maternal grandparents were Moses and Amanda Gradia (Eddy) Fee.

Eretta Mae Miller was born 27 September 1874 in DeKalb County to Noah and Alice Mae (Wolf) Miller. Her paternal grandparents were Daniel and Lydia (Funk) Miller. Her maternal grandparents were Michael and Frances (Willey) Wolf.

Freeman enlisted on 26 April 1898, in Indianapolis into the Spanish American War as a Quartermaster Sergeant in Company I 157th Regiment of the Indiana Volunteer Army. He mustered out 01 November 1898.

Freeman resided in Auburn for over forty years. He retired after more than thirty years as a machinist at the Old Auburn Automobile Company. After retiring, he operated a machine shop at his home.

On 22 November 1898 Freeman married Eretta M Miller in Waterloo, Indiana. To this union was born a daughter, Florence Ethel, on 13 January 1901 in Waterloo, DeKalb County, Indiana.

Freeman was a member of the following clubs and lodges: Veterans of Foreign Wars, a Prelate with the Knights of Pythias Auburn Lodge No. 191, DeKalb Council No. 57 R. & S.M (Royal and Selected Masons) of Auburn, Indiana, and the DeKalb Lodge No. 214 of F. & A.M (Free and Accepted Masons) of Auburn, Indiana.

Freeman died on 04 March 1958 at his Auburn Ensley Avenue home, and is buried in Woodlawn Cemetery in Auburn. Eretta died on 28 December 1962 in Butler, Indiana, and is buried in the Butler Cemetery.

Submitted by Joleene Kaiser

William R. Moore and Mary Johnson

William R. Moore was born about 1812 in Ohio and died probably in Michigan.

He married Mary Johnson on December 1834 in Richland County, Ohio, daughter of Uria Johnston and Zeruah Vangilder. Mary was born 27 January 1815 in Hayesville, Ashland, Ohio and died 28 December 1863 in DeKalb County, Indiana. She was buried in Bear Creek Cemetery in DeKalb County, Indiana.

William and Mary had seven children: Zeruiah Moore, Jane Moore, Rebecca Ann Moore, Sarah E. Moore, Thomas J. Moore, Uriah Moore, Rosella Moore

Zeruiah Moore was born 31 May 1836 Richland County, Ohio, Indiana and died 03 August 1855 and was buried in Bear

Creek Cemetery in DeKalb County.

Jane Moore was born about 1838 in Indiana and died 23 January 1911 in probably Lafayette County, Arkansas. She married Asbury T. Long 30 September 1855 in DeKalb County, Indiana, son of Frederick Long and Elizabeth Kiser. He was born about 1837 in Montgomery County, Indiana, and died 08 November 1896 in Emmett County, Michigan.

Rebecca Ann Moore was born about 1841 in Indiana and died 23 May 1919 in Emmet County, Michigan. She married Benjamin P. Bennett 21 July 1869 in Ingham County, Michigan. He was born about 1837 in Nova Scotia and died before 1910.

Sarah E. Moore was born 1842 in Perry Township, Ashland, County, Ohio, and died 1892. She is buried in the Waterloo Cemetery, DeKalb County, Indiana. She married (1) George Morr. (2) James Wenrich. James was born December 1829 and died in 1920.

Thomas J. Moore was born August 1844 in Indiana and died after 1910 in Arkansas. He married Nettie Helen Sanderson 25 December 1867 in DeKalb County, Indiana. She was born about 1857 in Ohio and died before 1910.

Uriah Moore was born January 1850 in Indiana and never married.

Rosella Moore was born about 1852. She was last traced to Ingham County, Michigan in 1870. She never married.

Submitted by Michelle Moore

Anna Elizabeth Rudolph Morr

Anna Elizabeth Rudolph was born near Kassel, Hesse, Germany, on 15 July 1857 to Rudolph and Elizabeth Ludwig Rudolph. In 1866, at age eight, she came to America with her mother, Elizabeth Ludwig Rudolph, her brother, John, 15, and sister, Catherine, 13, and settled in a log cabin in Auburn Junction. Anna Elizabeth married George Morr in 1884.

Starting in 1888 the Morr family owned and operated a grocery store near the depot in Auburn Junction. After George was killed in a grade crossing accident in 1916, the store was sold.

They had two adopted children, a daughter Clara (later, Widner) born October 1896 and a son, Roscoe, born April 1898.

Anna Elizabeth was a member of the Missionary Church. For three years prior to her death she lived with her son in his home built on the site of the original family log cabin. She died of a heart attack at age 85 on 31 March 1943 at her son's home. She is buried in Woodlawn Cemetery in Auburn, Indiana.

See also Elizabeth Ludwig Rudolph Benner and John Rudolph.

Submitted Carolyn E. Trammel

Jacob and Susanna (Doughnut/Donut) Myers

Jacob Myers was born about 1788 in Pennsylvania. The Myers family moved to Wayne County, Ohio, about 1813, later to Crawford County, Ohio, in 1826. Known siblings are George W. and Samuel.

In October 1820, Jacob married Susanna A. Doughnut/Donut in Wayne County, Ohio. About 1828 Jacob moved to Crawford then about 1837 he and his family became early settlers in DeKalb County, Indiana. Jacob received a land patent for 160 acres in Franklin Township, section 22. The nearest neighbor was five miles away.

The following children were born to Jacob and Susanna: George W. (b. about 1815, d. about 1885), married 1884, to Catherine Rush; Nancy (b. 1819, d. 1899), married 1855 to Henry Shaffer; Amos (b. about 1820, d. before 1900) married Anna

Luke; James C. (b. 1826, d. 1892), married 1851 to Sarah Slentz; Maria Susanna (b. about 1832, d unknown), married 1862 to George Knavel; Jacob J. (b. about 1834, d. 1912) married (1) Mary Chilcoat in 1859, married (2) Amanda Wolf; Amzi (b. about 1836, d. 1899), married 1861 to Malinda Wolf.

Susanna died 1877 on the family farm and was buried in the Hamilton Cemetery, Steuben County, Indiana. Before his death Jacob, lived with his daughter, Maria and her husband George Knavel in Wilmington Township, DeKalb County, Indiana. Jacob died 06 November 1881 at the age of 92.

Submitted by Lina Zerkle

Barbara Van Ellen Van Horn and George Washington Newcomer

George Washington Newcomer and Barbara Van Ellen Van Horn

George Washington Newcomer was born 15 April 1845 in Columbiana County, Ohio and died 13 February 1933 in Uniontown, Waterloo, Indiana. He married Barbara Van Ellen Van Horn 04 August 1872 in DeKalb County, Indiana, daughter of John and Annie Rosenberger Van Horn. She was born 17 June 1854 in Noble County, Indiana and died 15 August 1928 in DeKalb County. George and Barbara are both buried in the mausoleum at the Waterloo Cemetery. Their children were: Charles Edgar Newcomer, Lona L. Newcomer, Mary Marilla "Rilla" Newcomer, Arna Ordell Newcomer, Elmer George Newcomer, Vernon Newcomer, Virgil Newcomer, and William Lester Newcomer.

Charles Edgar Newcomer was born 25 July 1873 Franklin Township, DeKalb County and died 25 July 1946 DeKalb County. He married Effie Evaline Mann 12 December 1892 in Hamilton, Indiana. Effie was born 08 August 1876 in DeKalb County and died 29 March 1932 in DeKalb County.

Lona L. Newcomer was born 02 July 1874 DeKalb County and died 10 November 1952 DeKalb County.

Mary Marilla "Rilla" Newcomer was born about 1876 in Franklin Township, DeKalb County, Indiana and died 12 June 1937 DeKalb County. She married (1) Edward Purvis McCague about 1900, son of James and Nancy Bowman McCague. He was born 28 August 1876 and died 12 February 1902. She married (2) John W. Brown 05 August 1908, son of Henry and Emma Trasher Brown. He was born about 1867 and died 22 July 1929.

Arna Ordell Newcomer was born 07 February 1879, DeKalb County and died 07 September 1950 in Indiana. He married LeOra Gayle Hodges 24 September 1901, daughter of James and Lois Holcomb Hodges. She was born on 24 September 1882 and died 17 June 1970 in Auburn, Indiana.

Elmer George Newcomer was born 22 October 1882 DeKalb County and died

06 November 1953 in Auburn, Indiana. Elmer married Junnie Laurette Shultz 23 September 1903 in Auburn, daughter of Allen and Amanda Mann Shultz. She was born 27 December 1883 in DeKalb County and died 01 March 1962 in Butler. Both are buried in the Hamilton, Indiana Cemetery.

Vernon Newcomer was born 29 July 1885 in DeKalb County, died December 1885 and is buried in the Newcomer cemetery in DeKalb County Indiana.

Virgil Newcomer was born 29 July 1885 in DeKalb County, died 29 July 1885 and is buried in the Newcomer cemetery in DeKalb County.

William Lester Newcomer was born 28 May 1893 in DeKalb County, Indiana, and died on 23 June 1966 at Gresham, Oregon. He married Viola Mae Krum 18 December 1912 in DeKalb County, the daughter of Samuel and Ardella "Della" Shultz Krum.

Submitted by Richard Newcomer

Forrest Nicholas and Adah Fay Goe Nicholas

Adah Fay Goe Nicholas

Adah Fay Goe was born 24 May 1906 at Pittsburg, Carroll County, Indiana. She was the daughter of Ira Eugene and Mary Etta (Hatter) Goe. Her paternal grandparents were James, from Green County, Ohio and Elmira (Williams) Goe. Elmira's father was born in England. Her maternal grandparents were William and Annetta (Stokes) Hatter.

The Goes and Hatters went to the same church in Carroll County, Ohio. She came to LaOtto Indiana with her family as a young child and then the family settled in Auburn, Indiana. She attended the Auburn High School.

Adah and Forrest Nicholas were married 06 December 1928 at the parsonage of the Auburn Church of the Nazarene by Reverend Cornelius. They were both members of the Auburn church until around 1970. They transferred their membership to the Garrett Nazarene Church.

She had four sisters: Ruth (Goe) Croy; Mary (Goe) Smith; Leah (Goe) Hay; and Esther (Goe) Blevins, all of the Auburn area.

Forrest and Adah had two children: Susanna (Nicholas) Johnson and Gerald Nicholas both of rural Auburn.

She helped her husband in the bee business working in the honey house during the extracting of the honey and keeping the records of the business. She also helped with farming, driving the horses or mules and later the tractor to work the fields. She attended bee conventions with Forrest in several states, always in the winter.

Adah made hand sewn quilts for each of her grandchildren and her children. She also quilted for other people.

They were married 63 years. She died 30 April 2003.

Submitted by Susanna Johnson

Forrest Ray Nicholas

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Forrest Ray Nicholas was born 12 November 1902, in a log house, north east of Garrett, Indiana in Keyser Township. He was the son of William Milo and Amanda Estella (Friend) Nicholas. Dr. Clevenger came through deep snow to deliver him. When he was two years old, the family moved east one half mile to the African School House into Richland Township. In the log house, a ladder served at the stairway. He could remember the ladder. His paternal grandparents were Salvin and Marietta (Beaird) Nicholas. His great grandparents were George and Susanna (Snyder) Beaird and great great-grandparents were John and Elizabeth (Holtz) Snyder. His maternal grand parents were Norris and Susanna (Deter) Friend and his great grandparents George and Elizabeth (Sanders) Deter and Michael and Eliza (Miller) Friend. He had four sisters: Iona died in infancy, Nellie, Ruby and Faye.

His school days started in a one room school house, Sixteen School, and graduated from the eighth grade at West Richland School, Southwest of Corunna. Jay Olinger was his teacher. The teacher taught the pupils enough to make a living without a high school education.

He married Adah Fay Goe 06 December 1928 at the parsonage of the Auburn Church of the Nazarene, by Reverend Cornelius. They were both members of the Auburn church until around 1970. They then transferred their membership to the Garrett Nazarene church. Forrest was a junior boys Sunday school teacher for many years. One of his pupils went to the British Honduras as a missionary. Forrest later was a teacher for an adult Sunday school class. He was honored with a distinguished service award for teaching fifty years or more.

They had two children: Susanna (Nicholas) Johnson and Gerald Nicholas both of rural Auburn.

Forrest was employed by Ray Harris, contractor, constructing U.S. 6 between Kendallville and Waterloo. He was paid fifteen dollars for a ten-hour day, and furnished the tractor and fuel to operate it. He had tried farming, dairying, hogs, and sheep but never found the success bee keeping had given him. He started out as a small bee keeper, owning twenty-two colonies. The bee inspector found disease in twenty of the colonies. The diseased bees and equipment had to be burned, leaving him nearly out of the bee business. He built the business back, and at one time, he was the largest bee keeper in the state of Indiana. He had approximately two thousand colonies (hives) which were placed in sixty different locations. They yield of honey in a good year was one and a half tons of honey. The honey after being processed was placed in fifty-five gallon barrels and sold to a wholesaler. Some were bottled and sold from the honey house. He also produced comb honey. He built his honey house and the equipment in the honey house. He made the machines to manufacture his own hives and bee supplies.

In 1938, he was a state bee inspector and received four dollars a day. Some days, he started at 6:00 p.m. and ended at 1:00 a.m. the next day. Forrest and Ada attended bee conventions in Florida, Georgia, California, Minnesota, and Indiana.

He had a sawmill, which was a dream since his grandfather, Salvin, had one on the same farm. This had been a hobby which had been beneficial to his bee business. He would cut the trees into logs, bringing them to the sawmill and saw the logs into lumber for his bee equipment.

Forrest and Adah lived in the house built by his great grandfather, George Beaird. The farm was purchased from Nathan Baker on 19 February 1852 and has been in the family ever since.

He died 16 June 1992 at his home. He and Adah were married 63 years.

Adah died 30 April 2002. They are buried at Christian Union Cemetery.

Submitted by Susanna Johnson

Gerald J. Nicholas and D. Nadean Riggs

Gerald J. Nicholas was born 07 October 1935 in the home remodeled from the African School House, northeast of Garrett, in Richland Township. He was the son of Forrest Ray and Adah Fay (Goe) Nicholas. His paternal grandparents were William and Amanda (Friend) Nicholas. His maternal grandparents were Ira and Mary Etta (Hatter) Goe. He has one sister, Susanna (Nicholas) Johnson.

He married D. Nadean Riggs 20 June 1959 at the Mt. Pleasant Church, south west of Butler.

Nadean was born 25 October 1940 in Hicksville, Ohio. She was the daughter of John and D. Irene (Sechler) Riggs. Her paternal grandparents were John and Edith May (Rickard) Riggs. Her maternal grandparents were William George and Beulah (Headley) Sechler. Nadean has one sister, SuAnn (Riggs) Smith Ludecker and one brother John William Riggs.

Gerald served in the Army in Texas. He has been a farmer and a beekeeper. She is employed by the DeKalb Central School System.

They are the parents of three children: Wanda Lea (Nicholas), William G. Nicholas, and DeLilah Jean (Nicholas).

Wanda married Keith Crowl and lives northeast of Hamilton, Indiana. Wanda works at Scott's in Kendallville as a cake decorator and Keith is a farmer near Hamilton.

William married first, Tammy Werner. They had two daughters, Rebecca and Amber.

William married second, Angela Brown. They had a son Kenneth. For his third marriage, William married Tayna Kline and they live north east of Garrett.

He drives a truck for a logging company.

DeLilah married Mao Somkit. They have two children: Kailene and Josiah. They live in Waterloo. DeLilah works at Auburn Wal-Mart.

Submitted by Susanna Johnson

The Beaird Twins,
Henrietta on left and Marietta on right.
April 1932 at 70 years old.

Salvin "Sol" Garrett Nicholas and Marietta Beaird

Salvin "Sol" Garrett Nicholas was born March 1850 in Ohio to Garrett and Adaline (Blodgett) Nicholas. He was a well known farmer residing in Richland Township, two miles north and a quarter mile east of Garrett, Indiana. He lived in DeKalb County most of his life. He owned and operated a saw mill and thrashing machine, traveling from farm to farm at harvest time.

He married Marietta Beaird 15 December 1872. She was born 24 April 1854. She had a twin sister, Henrietta. Marietta and her sister claimed honors at the National Twins conference held at Fort Wayne in 1936 as the oldest twins present. On several occasions the twins won other awards. They remember seeing Abraham Lincoln when he was president of the United States during the Great Emancipation. Shortly after Marietta and Salvin were married, they moved to Illinois. His mother and brother had moved there after Salvin's father died. While there, a son, William Milo was born 13 July 1874. They moved back to DeKalb County, Indiana in 1876 when William was around two years old. Their second son, Clinton was born in 1880 in DeKalb County.

Salvin was a steam engine thresher. He threshed oats for two cent a bushel and wheat for three cents a bushel.

William married Amanda Friend and Clinton married Aletha A. Wiler.

Salvin died 02 March 1917 at his home from pneumonia at the age of 66 years, eleven months, and seven days. Marietta died 06 January 1938 in the same house where she was born.

Submitted by Susanna Johnson

William "Bill" Milo Nicholas and Amanda Estella Friend

William "Bill" Milo Nicholas was born 13 July 1874 in Illinois near Springfield. His parents were Salvin "Sol" Garrett Nicholas and Marietta "Molly" (Beaird) Nicholas. His paternal grandparents were Garrett and Adaline Nicholas. His maternal grandparents were George and Susanna (Snyder) Beaird. William's parents moved to Illinois shortly after they were married. Garrett Nicholas died and his widow Adaline and two sons, Mander and Miles moved to Illinois. While Salvin and

Marietta were there, William was born. When he was two years old they moved back to DeKalb County, Indiana. They later settled on the George Beaird farm buying Marietta's siblings share after their father died. William had one brother, Clinton, born in DeKalb County.

Amanda Estella Friend and William "Bill" Milo Nicholas

William went to school at the African School that was on the south east corner of his grandparent's farm, which was the Beaird farm. The school house was still standing in the 1980's. As a young man, William Nicholas and Perry Eldridge went to the Dakotas to work in the wheat fields at harvest time.

William and Amanda Estella Friend were married at the bride's home in Richland Township, 02 May 1897. She was the daughter of Norris and Susanna (Deter) Friend. She was born 14 December 1874 southwest of Corunna, Indiana.

Amanda had four brothers, John Henry married Lottie Boren; Emery Milton married Mattie Knox, Milo James married Rosa Schurr, Pearl Jay never married, and one sister Alda Mae married George Schurr.

Amanda and a cousin would take flax to Lintz Lake to wash. They would sit in a boat with the flax over their legs and dip their legs into the lake washing the flax to be later spun into thread. The thread would be wound into cloth. She, at times, would take care of her siblings while her parents went to Ohio to visit family.

They were the parents of one son, Forrest Ray. Forrest Ray married Adah Fay Goe and they had four daughters: Iona, died at three days old; Nellie May married Walter McConnell; Ruby Ruth married Frank Wheeler and divorced. Ruby married her second time to Roland Selby; Faye Aileen married Albert Bolinger.

William and Amanda were members of Zion Lutheran (Sixteen) Church.

Amanda died at home 03 May 1956, one day after their 59th wedding anniversary. She was 81 years old.

William died at home December 1959 in the same place that he went to school. He was 85 years old. They are both buried in Christian Union Cemetery, northwest of Garrett, Indiana.

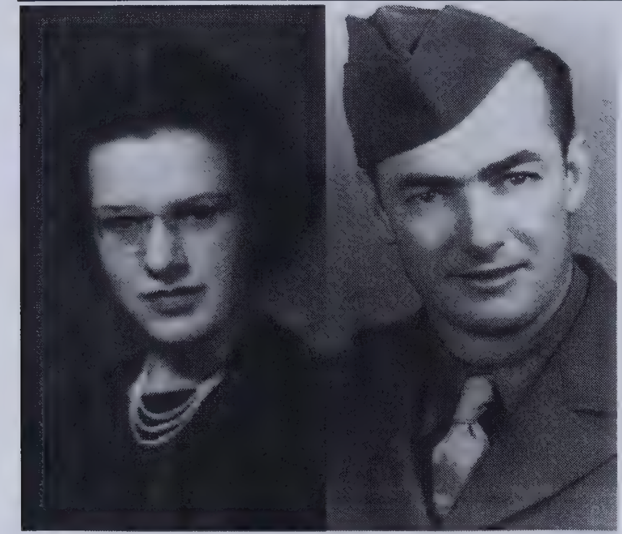
Submitted by Susanna Johnson

Kenneth Edward Norris Family

Kenneth Edward Norris was born 25 August 1904 in Fort Wayne, Indiana to Ezra Marcus and Bertha Pearl (Althouse) Norris. He had six siblings: Catherine born and died 1901 or 1902; Clarence Stanley born 08 April 1903 died 1972; Evelyn Mae born 09 January 1908 died 09 Feb 1989; Alice Marie born 24 February 1913 died 11 April 1987; Merle Edwin born 07 March 1916 died 04 April 1998; Earl Elmer born 07 March 1916 died 21 April 2002.

His first wife, Evelyn E. (Wilson), gave birth to Kenneth Reid on 4 Oct 1930 in Los Angeles, California.

He served in the Army in 1942 and then



Alice Evelyn Knoll Norris and Kenneth Edward Norris

married Alice Evelyn Knoll on 31 July 1943 at St. John's Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne, Indiana. They had two children, James Edward born 25 August 1944 and Jeanne Ellen born 08 January 1950.

To share expenses during WWII, they lived with his sister Evelyn and Glen Brendal on a farm east of Spencerville, Indiana. They then bought a farm of 35 acres one mile north west on County Road 59. This farm had a two story white house, an apple orchard, chicken coop, and a building they raised rabbits in. A large barn, a windmill, corncrib and a utility shed were across the road. Two creeks ran through the property emptying into the St. Joe River.

He loved living on a farm raising sheep, cows, rabbits, chickens and several hives of bees. He also sold wool, sweet corn and other vegetables.

He enjoyed hunting, often bringing home rabbit for dinner. He bought and released pheasants on the farm. He also enjoyed fishing, reading and playing euchre.

He was a barber in 1927 and charged 25 cents for a haircut. He had jobs as a house painter and delivered milk for a time. He worked until retirement as a printer at a factory just south of Spencerville called Partee. The Partee Company rebuilt and repaired gas pumps.

Kenneth lived on the farm until his death 07 February 1973. He is buried in White City Cemetery, Spencerville.

Alice Evelyn (Knoll) Norris was born in Fort Wayne, Indiana on 25 Oct 1914 to Arthur Lewis and Martha Caroline (Weinmann) Knoll. She lived in Chicago, Illinois for a short period of time; the rest of her life until marriage she lived in Fort Wayne. She had two brothers Robert William and George.

Alice was a busy farm wife working in the garden, orchard, and her many beds of flowers. She made her own sauerkraut and canned many jars of fruits and vegetables. She told stories of having to heat water on the stove and carry it to the basement to do laundry, and then carry the wet laundry outside to line dry. In the winter, the laundry was hung from a clothesline in the dining room and kitchen.

She made the old farmhouse into a home. The front door opened into the dining room, and then to the left was the kitchen. Inside plumbing was added in 1955. To the right was a large living room. During a remodeling job in the late 1950's, a large nest of honeybees was found in the outside wall. They pulled out washtubs full of honey and honeycomb.

She enjoyed sewing dresses and doll clothes for her daughter, along with lots of other projects. She once sewed a pioneer dress and sunbonnet from a bed sheet. When her granddaughters were born, she continued the tradition by sewing clothes and doll clothes for them. She also loved reading and bird watching. One time, a pair of bluebirds built a nest in the trunk of a cherry tree right outside the living room window.

Her grandmother, Katherine Dorothy (Kable) Weinmann, taught her to read and speak some German.

Before marriage in 1933, she worked at the General Electric Factory for 19 cents an hour.

She started working outside the home in 1967 at Montgomery Ward; she retired in the early 1980's. She was a member of St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Spencerville where she was the church secretary and played the organ for many years.

She lived on the farm for over 40 years before moving to Auburn in 1990. She died 15 November 1999 and is buried in White City Cemetery, Spencerville.

Submitted by Jeanne Brock

Jerry and Janet (Roose) Ordway

Jerry Lee Ordway was born 21 November 1937 in Williams County, Ohio. His parents were Wayne and Zella (Bishop) Ordway (both deceased). He graduated from Waterloo High School in 1955.

Janet Lucille Roose was born 29 June 1938 in DeKalb County, Indiana. Her parents were Gordon S. and V. Pauline (Steward) Roose. Her father passed away 17 January 1999. Janet has one sister, Laura June (Roose) Jordan who lives with her husband, Dallas outside of Auburn, Indiana. She graduated from Waterloo High School in 1956.

Jerry and Janet were married 16 June 1956 in Waterloo where they lived all their married life. They had two daughters, Janine Louise and Jacqueline Lori. Janine was born 22 March 1957, married Michael Riley, and had one son, Michael E. Riley, Jr. The marriage ended in divorce and Janine and Michael, Jr. now living in Ft. Wayne. Jacqueline (Jackie) was born 01 February 1958, married Rodney Evans and had one son, Tyler N. The marriage ended in divorce and Jackie and Tyler now live in Waterloo.

Jerry owned the Marathon Service Station in Waterloo for a number of years and then became a truck driver. He was killed in a trucking accident 23 October 1976 in Effingham, Illinois. He drove truck for several companies, including R.P. Wakefield Co. and Essex. He was driving for Essex at the time of his death. Jerry was well liked and was respected in the community. He loved his family which included three brothers and three sisters: Alfred, Alice, Ruth, Kathy, Keith and LeRoy. He was very proud of his daughters and would have been so happy to be a grandfather to two wonderful grandsons.

Janet has always been active in her church (Waterloo United Methodist). She is a long time member of the choir, former teacher, former member of the Trustees and has served as church treasurer for several years. After Jerry's death, Janet was forced to make a decision about her future. She worked for her brother-in-law at the Green Parrot Restaurant for several years, but due to an allergy to smoke had to find a different occupation. She was asked to consider running for a political office and decided to try it. She was elected to serve two terms as the Waterloo Clerk Treasurer, during which time the Waterloo Industrial Park was developed. After that she decided to run for the DeKalb County Treasurer and went on to serve two terms in that office. Janet is now serving on the DeKalb County Council as only the third woman to serve in that position.

She was the first woman to become a member of the Waterloo Lions Club, as well as the first woman in any Lions Club in DeKalb County. This was met with some resistance, but after a year of being the only woman attending the meetings, more women were welcomed into the club.

Janet has always been active in the community and enjoys helping others when there is a need. Her family is very important to her and enjoys spending time with her daughters and grandsons as well as her mother who lives in Garrett.

Submitted by Janet Ordway

L to R:
Patricia Dyson
Elroy and Vera Watson
1994

Aaron Osbun and Susanna Hursh

Aaron Osbun was born in New Jersey and married Susanna Hursh there. Children born in New Jersey were John, Elias and Moses. In 1823, the family was living in Wayne County, Ohio. Children born in Ohio were Mary Ann, Jane, William and Permelia.

Aaron served in the War of 1812 and received a pension. Aaron and Susanna are buried in the Watson Cemetery, Jackson Township.

Patricia Watson Dyson, son Dean, and parents Elroy and Vera Watson, were instrumental in restoring Watson cemetery with the help of other Watson descendants in 1998.

The Osbun family moved to DeKalb County before 1843 when Mary Ann married Jesse Watson, son of John and Elizabeth Simpson Watson.

Aaron was active in pioneer and community progress. A story is remembered about Aaron traveling at the onset of winter to Fort Wayne to get supplies. On the way back, he experienced a difficult time and had to walk in the cold waters, dragging his homemade log boat. With his legs freezing, he began to cry out for help. A dog heard him and began to bark arousing the dog's owner. Aaron was found and rescued. He lost his legs due to this tragic river experience.

Aaron and Susanna's daughter, Mary Ann and her husband, Jesse Watson died in 1954 and both were buried in Watson Cemetery beside Aaron and Susanna.

Mary Ann and Jesse Watson left four children: Susanna and Elizabeth, who were both named after their grandmothers; Aaron and John, who are named after their grandfathers. Susanna and Elizabeth went to live with the McClellan family and Aaron lived with his aunt, Isabell Means. John lived with the William Watson family and later married William Watson's daughter, Margaret.

Aaron Watson worked as a laborer and farmer when he married Tabitha Howey. Tabitha was a daughter of William and Mary Jane (Reed) Howey. Aaron and Tabitha had three children: Mary Jane "Jennie", Artie Mae and Willard. Willard married Dora Pearl Ferguson, daughter of John and Margaret (Gall) Ferguson. Willard and Dora Pearl were married in 1903 and both died during the flu epidemic of 1918-1919. They had four children: Elroy, named after Elroy Wilderson who was a neighbor and friend of the family; Irvin; Nellie; Annabelle. After the deaths of Willard and Pearl, the children went to live with Grandma Tabitha until her death in 1922. They were then adopted. Elroy was adopted by William and Goldie Zerns. Irvin was adopted by Claude and Joy Hilkert. Adoptive parents of Nellie were "Joke" and Pearl Johnson. Annabelle was adopted by Harry and Florence Boon.

Elroy worked at farm labor jobs. Harrison Miller and Harry Garman were very good to him. When of age, he went to work for Auburn Automobile County. About 1932 he went to Wells County and worked as a farm laborer during the factory lay off. At this time, he petitioned the Court of Wells County and restored his name to Watson. He met Vera Bender and married her in 1934. Their first home was at Connersville, Indiana where Elroy took a job with Auburn Cord. Later the factory closed and Elroy went back to Wells County and worked as a farm laborer, later owning his own farm there. Patricia was the only child of Elroy and Vera Bender. She married Robert Dyson of Wabash County. Their five children were: David; Lois; Lorinda; DeAnn who all were born in Garrett while Pat and Robert lived in Leo, Allen County; Dawn was born in Noble County while Pat and Robert lived in Whitley County.

David Dyson married Tammy Meager in Whitley County and they have two children: Christina and Dean. They also have two grandchildren, Madison and Olivia. David is a draftsman at a Huntington Plant and currently lives in Columbia City.

Submitted by David Dyson

James A. Provines and Barbara A. Carpenter

James A. Provines and Barbara A. (Carpenter) Provines were married 02 September 1996.

James was born 31 October 1952. He is the son of Bruce A. (born 01 October 1921 and died 28 July 1997) and Minnie A. (Reinoehl) Provines (born 13 January 1923 and died 17 November 2004). Bruce was the son of Kent and Ruth (Draggoo) Provines. Minnie was the daughter of Charles and Mary (Benjamin) Reinoehl.

Barbara, born 01 June 1953, is the daughter of Max (born 28 August 1926) and Betty (Bolinger) Carpenter (born 15 April 1926). Max is the son of Clyde and Ruth (Farver) Carpenter. Betty is the daughter of Samuel and Ethel (Loney) Bolinger.

Barbara has two children by a previous marriage: Christie Alleshouse Crawford and William Kent Alleshouse.

Submitted by Jim and Barb Provines

Alexander Provines and Dorcas Adams

Alexander Provines was born 31 January 1818 in Burgets Town, Pennsylvania. He died 21 August 1897. Alexander married Dorcas Adams, daughter of Hugh Adams, a veteran of the War of 1812, on 21 October 1841. She died 11 March 1897. They were buried in Evergreen Cemetery in Auburn, Indiana.

In January 1853 Alexander walked from Rowsburg, Ohio, to Jackson Township, DeKalb County and purchased a 160 acre farm for $1,100. In April 1853 the family moved to DeKalb County.

They had eight children, John (born 22 July 1843), James (born 7 January 1846), Alexander (18 July 1848), Lucien (born 19 February 1851), Robert (born 31 January 1854), Jane (born 29 January 1857), Mary (born 7 March 1860) and Benjamin who died in infancy.

Submitted by Jim and Barb Provines

Provines Family

l to r back: John (1843), James (1846), Alexander H. (1848), Lucien (1851), Robert (1854
l to r front: Mary (1860), Alexander (1818), Dorcas Adams (1821), Jane (1857)
about 1885

Phillip Ramsey

Philip Ramsey was born 18 December 1823 in Fayette County, Pennsylvania, the eldest child of Robert Ramsey and Katharine Dumbauld. He moved with his parents to Tuscarawas County, Ohio, in 1827. There he grew to manhood and developed the trade of a carpenter.

He married Elizabeth Eberly, daughter of Michael Eberly and Susannah Deardorff, on 09 September 1849. Elizabeth was born 02 March 1830 near Greencastle, Franklin County, Pennsylvania. In 1838 she moved with her parents to Tuscarawas County, Ohio.

Philip and Elizabeth had but two children, both born in Ohio. Hayman was born in 1856 and died in 1859. Susannah (1855-1939) married Isaac M. Diehl and lived in Stafford Township in DeKalb County, Indiana. The parents converted to Christianity in a Methodist Church near Dundee, Ohio, in 1860.

The Ramsey's purchased a 40-acre farm in DeKalb County from Samuel and Sophia Cutshaw and traveled here on a train in 1863. They didn't know if Edgerton, Ohio, or Butler, Indiana, was closer to their farm, but they got off at Edgerton. This was a mistake as it was a blustery spring day and a west wind blew a freezing snow and sleet into their faces all the way to the property in Stafford Township. Their 8-year old daughter later said it was the "longest, coldest walk of her life."

Neither Philip nor Elizabeth could read or write when they moved to Indiana, but by the 1900 census they were both literate, probably learning alongside their daughter, who married a schoolteacher. Philip was active in local politics as a Republican both in Ohio and in Indiana. He continued the carpentry trade here in Indiana, a much needed occupation in those early days, as well as farming. He died 06 September 1910 at his Stafford Township home.

After the death of her husband, Susan lived with her daughter and family only 1 ½ miles away in Stafford Township. Susan died 11 February 1913 and is buried next to her husband at the Big Run Cemetery, located beside the Big Run Church, where they were both members since their arrival in Indiana.

Philip and Elizabeth Ramsey were hardworking Americans who were a part of the westward migration of a pioneering generation. Although their family was small, as a carpenter, Philip made a great contribution to the building of America.

Submitted by Ralph O. Diehl

Frederick Raut and Mary Ashleman

Frederick Raut was born in Zedmin, Germany on 28 January 1840. Religious restraints in mid-century Germany brought him, with his father and brother, Charles, to DeKalb County, Indiana. In Auburn, father and sons resumed their old-world trade which was harness and boots and established a flourishing business. Sundays regularly found them in the old German Reform Church listening to the two-hour sermon as delivered by Preacher Frederick Raut.

Frederick married Mary Ashleman when she was twenty-seven and Frederick was twenty-nine. They lived in his newly-built, two-story, square brick house on the corner of Fifth and Cedar streets. This was to be Mary's home for all but two of the 67 remaining years of her life, as well as the home of her daughter and family.

Mary was the daughter of John Ulrich and Maria Everhart Ashleman. She was born 12 October 1838 in Wayne County, Ohio. Siblings included: a sister, who died at sea on the trip to America, name unknown; Elizabeth; Moses; Barbara; Regina; Anna; William; Christopher; and Rosa.

Born to "F. & M. Raut" in the brick house on Cedar, on 23 October 1866 was their first son Edwin. He died at two years, two months and 24 days on 17 January 1869. Two years later, on 22 April 1871, was born a second child and they named her Delta Winona "Winnie" Raut. On 20 September 1875, another son was born. William was a dark-eyed, curly-locked and raven-haired miniature of his handsome father.

Frederick died of consumption 22 April 1875. Later, they decided it was actually tuberculosis and Will came down with it. Will died 29 July 1908 at Auburn, Indiana. He never married.

Winnie grew up and went to school in Auburn. She married Orin Brandon 09 April 1891.

Migraines plagued Mary from early girlhood. She possessed great physical stamina but she was never really well. In her later years, her carriage became pathetically bent and stooped and her hearing extremely difficult. Her interests when her children were grown included her vegetable garden, her farm, her fruit trees and chickens, her grandchildren and her Bible. She lived in her own home until she was 93. Mary then moved into her daughter's home next door. On the morning of 14 January 1933, she died.

Submitted by Terry Franzman

Jacob Reinhart

Jacob Reinhart was born 01 May 1851 in Hur Heson Germany. His parents were Gust and Elizabeth Reinhart.

He married 21 April 1892 to Elizabeth Catherine (Metzger) Schweitzer. Elizabeth was born 12 February 1848 Lawrence County, Ohio. Her parents were John Jacob Metzger and Catherine Elizabeth Parr. She was previously married to Mr. Schweitzer. Jacob cared for his wife's children as his own. They never had any additional children.

Elizabeth died 15 August 1921 at her home in DeKalb County) and is buried in Cedar Lake Cemetery. He died 09 January 1923 at his home on the Auburn-Ashley Road in Smithfield Township, DeKalb County, and buried in the Cedar Lake Cemetery.

Submitted by Rita K. Nichols

John H. Reinoehl Family

John Henry Reinoehl, second son of a family of twelve children of Peter and Elizabeth (Hovarter) Reinoehl, was born 08 September 1869 in a log house, in the northwest quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 9 in Fairfield Township, DeKalb County, Indiana. This location is on the east side of Indiana State Road 327, a little north of County Road 8. John attended Tri-State College at Angola for his teacher's training and taught school forty-eight years and farmed, all in DeKalb County.

John had eleven siblings as follows: David S. (b. 1868 d. 1936), Mary Ellen (Reinoehl) McGiffin (b. 1871 d. 1946), Albert (b. 1872 d. 1911), Emma May (Reinoehl) Coe (b. 1873 d. 1947), Charley (b. 1874 d. 1962), Cora Alice (Reinoehl) Perkins (b. 1876 d. 1958), Elizabeth Ann (b. 1878 d. 1881), Franklin (b. 1881 d. 1943), Melvin (b. 1883 d. 1958), Silvanus (b. 1885 d. 1968), Maude Jane (Reinoehl) Snyder (b. 1888 d. 1979).

On 04 May 1900 he married Cora Anna Stomm, daughter of Henry G. and Anna Maria (Getts) Stomm. Cora, a twin, was born 07 February 1877 in the S.W. Corner of S.E. quarter of S. W. quarter of Section 1, Fairfield Twp., now the corner of County Roads 4 and 19. Cora died at her home in St. Joe on 16 May 1916. John was Fairfield Township Trustee two terms, 1902-1906.

John and Cora had three sons. Henry S. was born 06 August 1903 in Garrett and died 01 January 1976. Henry worked at Auburn Automobile County and International Harvest Company at Fort Wayne. Willis W. was born 29 May 1908 in St. Joe and died 10 November 1980. Willis W. taught school for 44 years all locally and farmed. Harold E. was born 27 December 1914 in St. Joe. He taught school all 42 years, all in Fairfield Township and farmed.

From 1906 to 1917, John R. owned and operated a telephone exchange at St. Joe, Indiana and continued to teach school there. On 28 February 1907 Henry Stomm died and his son-in-law, John R., from his estate, on 04 April 1908, bought his 80 acre home place.

On 02 March 1919 John R. married Effie T. Hamman, a former student, born in a log house in S. W. corner of S. E. quarter of S. W. quarter of Section 9, Smithfield Twp., DeKalb County, Indiana. She was born 19 May 1886 to John and Lydia (Rohm) Hamman. She attended Tri-State College, Angola and obtained a teaching license but taught only a short time.

During World War I, Effie worked in the office of a Gossert Factory in Elkhart, Indiana.

To John and Effie were born four children.

Olga May was born 01 May 1920, was married to Roscoe C. Taylor, and died 15 April 2002. John Hamman Reinoehl was born 01 August 1923 and married Marjorie Hartman. Paul Eugene was born 24 April 1925 and married Jean Shumaker. Lydia Ruth was born 15 April 1927, married Otis B. Parr and died 09 June 1978.

Effie died 20 April 1938. John D. died 24 June 1968.

Submitted by Paul Reinoehl

Top row l to r: Richard Ditmars, Judy Reinoehl Ditmars,
Hilda Smith Reinoehl, Harold Rienoehl
Middle row l to r: Eric Ditmars, Mary Lepley Ditmars, Carrie Grant Ditmars, Kurt Ditmars
Front row l to r: Kaitlyn Ditmars, Allyson Ditmars, Hayden Ditmars,
Autumn Ditmars, Sommer Ditmars

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Judith "Judy" Elaine Reinoehl and Richard Maxwell Ditmars

Judith "Judy" Elaine (Reinoehl) Ditmars was born 13 January 1945 at the Sacred Heart Hospital in Garrett, Indiana. She is the daughter of Harold Edward Reinoehl, born 27 December 1914 and Hilda Mae (Smith) Reinoehl, born 20 May 1920. Her paternal grandparents are John H. Reinoehl, born 08 September 1869, died 20 April 1938 and Cora A. (Stomm) Reinoehl, born 07 February 1877, died 16 May 1916. Her maternal grandparents are Paul C. Smith, born 20 May 1891, died 29 June 1968 and Blanche E. (Lung) Smith born 05 January 1897, died 10 January 1980.

Judith (Judy) attended grades 1-8 at the Fairfield Elementary School. Her teachers were Hazel Scattergood, 1st and 2nd, her father, Harold Reinoehl 3rd and 4th, her neighbor, Paul Brenneman, 5th and 6th and her Uncle, Willis Reinoehl 7th and 8th grade.

Judy graduated from Ashley High School in 1963, Ball State University in 1967 with a B. S. Degree in Elementary Education and from St. Francis College in 1970 with a M. S. Degree in Elementary Education. Most of her teaching years were in the DeKalb Central School District.

She married Richard Maxwell Ditmars, born in Somerville, New Jersey, 10 December 1938. He is the son of John M. Ditmars, born 02 September 1908, died 27 November 1983 and Evelyn I. (Gulick) Ditmars, born 20 September 1911, died 31 August 1998.

Judy and Richard were married on 30 July 1967 at the St. John's United Church of Christ in Hudson by Reverend David Schlundt.

Richard is a graduate of Susquehanna University in Pennsylvania with a B.A. Degree in Physics and Math in 1960 and a B. S. Degree in Civil Engineering from TriState University in Angola, in 1962. He was a project engineer with the INDOT most of his work career. Judy and Richard are both retired and reside in Auburn, Indiana in the winter months and spend summers at Lake Gage, Angola, Indiana.

They have two sons and their spouses and five grandchildren.

Eric Lee Ditmars was born 25 January 1973 and spouse Mary Dorothy (Lepley) Ditmars was born 23 March 1974. Eric and Mary are the Park Superintendent and Assistant Park Superintendent at the Steuben County Campground, near Angola. Eric has a B.S. Degree in Environmental Management from Ball State University and Mary has a B.S. degree in Legal Administration from Ball State University. They have two children, Kaitlyn Mae Ditmars born 20 March 2000 and Allyson Kay Ditmars born 10 July 2002.

Kurt Lynn Ditmars, born 12 May 1975, is married to Carrie Ann (Grant) Ditmars, born 13 March 1976. Kurt is a service technician at Evans Chrysler Dodge Jeep in Kendallville and Carrie works at People's Federal Savings Bank in Auburn. Kurt has an Associates degree in Automotive Technology from Northwestern College in Lima, Ohio and Carrie has a B.S. degree in Elementary Education from IPFW in Fort Wayne. They have three children, Sommer Nichol Ditmars born 11 May 1998, Autumn Elaine Ditmars born 22 February 2000 and Hayden Maxwell Ditmars born 04 March 2003.

Submitted by Judy Reinoehl Ditmars

Harold Edward Reinoehl and Hilda Mae Smith Reinoehl

Harold Edward Reinoehl was born 27 December 1914, at St. Joe, Indiana. He was the son of John H., born 08 September 1869, died 20 April 1938 and Cora A. (Stomm) Reinoehl, born 07 February 1877, died 16 May 1916. His paternal grandparents were Peter and Elizabeth (Hovarter) Reinoehl. His maternal grandparents were Henry, born 24 March 1833, died 28 February 1907 and Mariah (Getts) Stomm, born 13 February 1840, died 01 October 1882.

Hilda Smith Reinoehl and Harold Reinoehl

Harold and Hilda, married 21 August 1938 at Hudson, Indiana by Reverend Grimm, pastor of St. John's United Church of Christ.

Hilda Mae Smith, born 20 May 1920, Auburn, Indiana, daughter of Paul C., born 20 May 1891, died 29 June 1968 and Blanche (Lung) Smith, born 05 January 1897, died 10 January 1980. Her paternal grandparents were David Edward, born 19 December 1862, died 05 April 1927 and Addelaide (Shade) Smith, born 28 July 1864, died 30 April 1958. Her maternal grandparents were Noah and Sarah (Hawk) Lung of Auburn, Indiana and landowners in Fairfield Township.

Harold graduated from Ashley High School and Manchester College with a degree in Elementary education. He taught two years at the Hartman School and then the one room-schools were closed and he began teaching at the new Fairfield Center School in 1938. Harold coached elementary athletic teams for twenty five years and won a championship tournament with Ashley in 1960. The last several years of teaching he was acting principal. He retired in 1978 after forty-two years of teaching. When Harold wasn't teaching, he was farming his one hundred eighty acre farm with the help of his son, Max.

Both Harold and Hilda remain long standing members of the St. Johns United Church of Christ near Hudson. Harold has served as a deacon and elder.

Harold's mother died when he was very young. His aunt and uncle, Jacob and Cora Perkins, cared for him until his father remarried to Effie T. Hamman

Harold has two brothers: Henry born 06 August 1903 and died 01 January 1976 and Willis, born 29 May 1908 and died 10 November 1980; Two half brothers: John H. Reinoehl born 01 August 1923 and Paul Sam Reinoehl born 24 April 1925; two half sisters: Olga Mae (Reinoehl) Taylor, born 11 May 1920 and Ruth Lydia (Reinoehl) Parr, born 15 April 1927 and died 09 June 1978.

Hilda has six sisters and five brothers; Pauline McBride, Lloyd (deceased), Isabelle Leas, Richard, died at birth, Betty Cox, Beth Hoskins, Jeanne Knisely, Janey Tracey, Gilbert, Van, and Wayne.

Mr. and Mrs. Reinoehl are the parents of two children, Max and Judy.

Max Edward, born 30 October 1942, an employee of Auburn Gear. Max and wife Sharon (Rinehold) Reinoehl live on a farm

Todd, Tamara and Troy. Todd and Terri (Presley) have a daughter, Jamie Lynn. Tamara Kay and Steven Wayne Gilbert have two sons, Kody Wayne Gilbert and Kendall Steven Gilbert. Troy and Lara Lyn (Shultz) have two daughters, Sydney Arin Reinoehl and Kyla Jordan Reinoehl.

Judith Elaine Ditmars, born 13 January 1945, a school teacher and graduate of Ball State University and St. Francis College, lives in Auburn, Indiana with husband, Richard and sons, Eric and Kurt. Eric has two daughters, Kaitlyn and Allyson. Kurt has three children: Sommer, Autumn, and Hayden.

Mr. and Mrs. Reinoehl are living on the farm they purchased forty-six years ago, one mile east of Story Lake. They have lived there since 1940. Their home was one of the first brick homes in Fairfield Township. The bricks were made on the farm in the south field.

Harold turned 90 on 27 December 2004 and Hilda turned 85 on 20 May 2005. They celebrated their 67th Wedding Anniversary 21 August 2005.

Their retirement years have included farm-

Max Edward Reinoehl and Sharon Kay (Rinehold) Reinoehl

Max Edward Reinoehl and Sharon Kay Rinehold

Max Edward Reinoehl was born 30 October 1942, in Garrett, Indiana, son of Harold Edward Reinoehl, born 27 December 1914, and Hilda Mae (Smith) Reinoehl, born 20 May 1920. His paternal grandparents were John H. Reinoehl, born 08 September 1869, died 20 April 1938 and Cora A. (Stomm) Reinoehl, born 07 February 1877, died 16 May 1916. His maternal grandparents were Paul Clayton Smith, born 20 May 1891, died 29 June 1968, and Blanche (Lung) Smith, born 05 January 1897, died 10 January 1980.

Sharon Kay Rinehold, born 20 March 1943 in Auburn, Indiana, daughter of Carl Ivan Rinehold, born 17 September 1916, died 18 July 1986, and Lorraine (Likens) Rinehold, born 08 April 1918, died 21 February 1998. Her paternal grandparents were Clay Rinehold, born 28 August 1886, died 12 January 1953, and Eva (Warstler) Rinehold, born 29 March 1888, died 21 April 1932. Her maternal grandparents were Grover Cleveland Likens, born 27 March 1885, died 24 August 1964 and Margarette (Hampshire) Likens, born 16 September 1890, died 17 May 1954.

Max spent the first eight grades of school at Fairfield Center. In those eight years, he had his uncle, Willis Reinoehl, his neighbor, Paul Brenneman, and his own father, Harold Reinoehl for teachers. He went to Ashley High School, where he met his wife, Sharon Kay (Rinehold) Reinoehl. Max and Sharon graduated from Ashley High School in 1961.

Sharon went to International Business College, graduating in 1963, with an Associates Degree in Business Administration.

Max and Sharon were married 30 November 1963, in the Evangelical United

Brethren Church in Waterloo. They lived east of Waterloo for two years, and then purchased their first home north of Waterloo in 1965.

Max served six years in the Army Reserves, and worked at Warner Gear and Auburn Gear for almost 40 years. He works part-time at Angola Wal Mart in the Garden Center.

Sharon worked three years at Indiana & Michigan Electric Company in Ft. Wayne. They moved west of Ashley in 1972, after totally remodeling an Amish home. Sharon was a stay-at-home mom to their three children during their school years. For the past 14 years, Sharon has worked at Angola Wal Mart and is in the Pharmacy Department.

Max and Sharon are both members of the St. John's United Church of Christ, where Max served as Deacon and is now an Elder of the church. Sharon taught Sunday school for many years and is now Secretary and Treasurer of the Sunday school.

They enjoy traveling with their truck and 5th wheel, and recently traveled to Texas and Colorado. When fully retired, they hope to do much more traveling.

Max has one sister, Judith Elaine (Reinoehl) Ditmars, born 13 January 1945, and lives in Auburn.

Sharon has two brothers Dale Elwyne Rinehold, born 22 April 1941, and lives near Waterloo, and Roger Dennis Rinehold, 15 July 1944, and lives near Hamilton.

Max and Sharon are the parents of three children and five grandchildren.

Todd Edward Reinoehl, born 26 March 1967, works at Nucor Building Systems at Waterloo. He has a daughter, Jamie Lynn Reinoehl, born 22 June 1986.

Tamara Kay (Reinoehl) Gilbert, born 29 May 1969, and works for the Steuben County School System. She has two sons, Kody Wayne Gilbert, born 25 January 1995, and Kendall Steven Gilbert, born 01 October 1999.

Troy Scott Reinoehl, born 07 February 1971, works for Eaton Corporation. He has two daughters, Sydney Arin Reinoehl, born 30 April 2003, and Kyla Jordan Reinoehl, born 04 February 2005.

Submitted by Max and Sharon Reinoehl

Mike and Karen Reinoehl Family

Mike Daniel Reinoehl and Karen Kay Raines Zimmerman

Mike Daniel Reinoehl was born in Garrett, Indiana on 03 June 1961 to Paul Eugene and Jean Ardeth (Shumaker) Reinoehl. His maternal grandparents were Marlton and Daisy (Tritch) Shumaker and his paternal grandparents were John and Effie Reinoehl. Mike's ancestral heritage is primarily of German descent He has two brothers, Sam and Peter and two sisters, Sally (Reinoehl) Wilson and Cathy (Reinoehl) Wells. He attended Fairfield Elementary, DeKalb Middle School and graduated from DeKalb High School in

1980. He attended Lincoln Technical Institute in Indianapolis to pursue a career as an auto technician. He currently is employed by O'Daniel Automotive where he has worked since 1989. Mike is a Certified ASE Master Technician as well as a certified General Motors World Class Technician. He enjoys camping and riding ATV's. On 14 July 1989 he married Karen Kay (Raines) Zimmerman at Agape Church of the Brethren in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Karen was born in Fort Wayne, Indiana on 09 December 1964 to William Edward and Jeannean Diane (Middaugh) Raines. William was born and raised in Washington D.C. and came to Indiana to attend Fort Wayne Bible College. Her maternal grandparents were Clifford J. and M. Louise (Richards) Middaugh and her paternal grandparents were Arthur and Caledith (Reeder) Raines. The Raines family has traced their ancestry to the Native American Cherokee Indian tribe. The Middaugh family is of German descent. She has one sister, Karla Janelle (Raines) Staller who lives in Phoenix, Arizona. Karen attended Huntertown Elementary and graduated in 1983 from Carroll High School. She attended Ivy Tech Community College and Indiana-Purdue University Fort Wayne, where she received an A.S. with distinction in Organizational Leadership and Supervision from Purdue University in 2002 and a B.A with distinction in General Studies from Indiana University in 2005. Karen was inducted as a member into the following honor society chapters at IPFW: Phi Theta Kappa, Phi Kappa Phi, and Omicron. She will begin working toward a Master's degree next year. She has worked for Lincoln National Life Insurance and Employee Plans as a Supervisor and Trainer/Auditor within the benefits department. Currently she is employed by Automated Group Administration where she has worked as a claims analyst since 1998. Karen has been involved as a volunteer with several organizations, currently with Junior Achievement.

Mike and Karen have three children who were all born in Fort Wayne, Indiana: Andrea Louise (by Karen's previous marriage) born 26 August 26 1985 and adopted by Mike in 1990, Gabriel Austin born 26 January 1990, and Kaleb Daniel born 20 June 1993. Andrea graduated from DeKalb High School in 2004 and is currently a sophomore at Indiana-Purdue University Fort Wayne majoring in Elementary Education. She enjoys working with children and has worked as a swim instructor and lifeguard for the DeKalb County YMCA since 2001. She is a volunteer for Junior Achievement and enjoys the opportunity to help others. Andrea hopes to relocate to the Southwestern area of the country after graduation and begin her career as an elementary teacher. Gabriel is a sophomore at DeKalb High School. He enjoys riding his ATV and is a member of the DeKalb County 4-H ATV Club. He also enjoys working on small engines, welding, and riding snowmobiles. Gabriel hopes to pursue a career in the automotive industry or environmental protection. Kaleb is in the sixth grade at DeKalb Middle School. He enjoys riding his ATV and is also a member of the DeKalb County 4-H ATV Club. Kaleb is very artistic and creative and loves to draw, play soccer, ride snowmobiles and be outdoors. His aspiration is to become a pharmacist.

Submitted by Mike and Karen Reinoehl

Paul Reinoehl Family

Paul Eugene Reinoehl was born 24 April 1925 in Fairfield Township, DeKalb County, Indiana in the house he still lives in. He has lived there longer than anyone else since it was built in 1854. His parents were John Henry Reinoehl and Effie Teresa Hamman.

His paternal grandparents were Peter Reinoehl and Elizabeth Hovarter of Fairfield Township. His maternal grandparents were John Hamman and Lydia Rohm of Smithfield Township.

Paul had three half-brothers, Henry and Willis Reinoehl, both deceased and Harold Reinoehl. He has one full brother, John and two full sisters, Olga Taylor and Ruth Parr, both deceased.

Jean Ardeth Shumaker was born 03 December 1930 in Salem Township, Steuben County, daughter of Marlton D. Shumaker and Daisy Dorothy Tritch. Her paternal grandparents were John Edwin Shumaker and Adaline Ringler of Hudson. Her maternal grandparents were Adam Tritch and Mary Shade of Hudson. Jean had five brothers, Keith Robert, John Burdette, Wilbur Dean (Bones) and Ned Elwood all deceased and Heber. She also has two sisters, Velma Farrington and Beverly Blood.

Paul Reinoehl and Jean Shumaker were married 17 March 1950 at their home on County Road 19, first house on the west side, south of County Road 10 in Fairfield Township.

Paul graduated from Ashley High School and Reisch School of Auctioneering. Jean graduated from Waterloo High School. Paul has been a lifetime farmer, raising hogs and feeding steers and a part time auctioneer. They both were members for over twenty-five years of the Ashley Grange, also Pamona, State, and National Grange. Paul has been a trustee for Fairfield Cemetery over twenty-eight years and wrote a history of the Fairfield Cemetery and several other books and pamphlets. He was appointed by the Circuit Court Judge and served two years (its entire existence, during the years, 1962-1964) as a member of the DeKalb County Northwest United School District. Paul wrote and published a history about it.

Paul and Jean are parents of five children: Sally, Cathy, Sam, Mike, and Peter.

Sally Jean was born 23 February 1952, married Terry Wilson 19 July 1980 of Butler, Indiana. They are the parents of two sons, Joel born 07 June 1982 and Nicholas born 19 December 1985. Sally has a B. S. degree from Manchester College and a M.A. from Indiana University. She teaches kindergarten at Country Meadow Elementary School in her thirty-second year. Terry has for many years worked in a factory at Bryan, Ohio. They live on County Road 20 in Fairfield Township in a new house they built.

Cathy Eileen was born 27 April 1954, married Timothy Wells, 04 July 1986 of Waterloo. They are parents of four children: Heidi of Nebraska, Jeanette of Germany, Christopher of Iraq (Cathy's step-children) and Derek was born 19 August 1987, a senior at DeKalb High School. Cathy has a B. S. degree from Manchester College and a M. A. from Indiana University. She teaches at Country Meadow Elementary in her twenty-ninth year. Timothy works in a factory at Butler. They live on County Road 4 near Ashley.

Sam Paul was born 14 November 1957 has a M. A. and Masters degree from Purdue University. He teaches Vocational Studies in his twenty-sixth year in DeKalb Eastern Community Schools. Sam married Sandy Hantz on 29 July 1989. They have twins, Meagan and Matthew born 17 December 1990. Sandy works at U.S.D.A. Farm Service Agency in Auburn. They live on the corner of County Road 4 and 19 in a new house they built in 1989.

Mike Daniel was born 03 June 1961, graduated from Lincoln Tech and is a G. M. Certified Technician Mechanic at a dealership in Fort Wayne. Mike married Karen Raines 14 July 1989. They have three children, Andrea was born 26 August 1985, Gabriel was born 26 January 1990 and Kaleb was born 20 June 1993. Karen processes insurance claims in Fort Wayne and recently received a B.A. degree in General Studies and an A. S. degree in Organizational Leadership from Purdue University. They live on County Road 4 near Ashley.

Peter Lynn was born 28 December 1971, has an Engineering Degree from Purdue University and works as a Production Supervisor at Eaton in Auburn. He married D'Anna Streeter 14 February 1997. They have two children, Tucker Paul was born 23 January 2000 and Parker Joyce was born 15 August 2003. D'Anna works as a secretary for a steel company near Butler. They live in a new house they built in 2000, on County Road 19, near their parents.

Submitted by Paul Reinoehl

Peter Lynn Reinoehl and D'Anna Streeter

Peter Lynn Reinoehl was born 28 December 1971 in Kendallville, Indiana. His parents are Paul and Jean Reinoehl of Ashley, Indiana. Peter's wife, D'Anna Lavene (Streeter-Baryo), was born April 23, in Flint, Michigan. They were married 14 February 1997 in Ashley, Indiana.

D'Anna's father, Richard Streeter, lives in Lansing, Michigan and her mother Joyce Streeter of Burton, Michigan died in 1997.

In 2000 Peter and D'Anna built a timber frame home on his father's farm in Fairfield township. They reside there with their two children: Tucker Paul, born 23 January 2000 and Parker Joyce, born 15 August 2003. Tucker attends Country Meadow Elementary (Ashley, Indiana).

Peter attended the DeKalb Central Schools, including Fairfield Elementary (Corunna, Indiana), Ashley Elementary (Ashley, Indiana), DeKalb Middle (Waterloo, Indiana), and DeKalb High (Waterloo, Indiana) graduating in 1990. He then attended Indiana Purdue University Fort Wayne (Fort Wayne, Indiana) receiving his Bachelors of Science Degree in Mechanical Engineering Technology in 1995.

D'Anna attended Wastin Elementary (Burton, Michigan), Armstrong Middle School (Flint, Michigan), and Kearsley High (Flint, Michigan) graduating in 1989.

Peter worked at The Bostwick Braun Company (Ashley, Indiana) as a warehouse laborer from 1990 to 1994 while attending college, then began working at Bundy Corporation (Ashley, Indiana), working there until 1997 as a process technician. In 1997 he then moved to his current employer, Eaton Corporation (Auburn, Indiana), working as a process engineer and supervisor.

D'Anna worked at Bundy Corporation (Ashley, Indiana) as a laborer and quality auditor from 1993 to 1998. She then was employed at Pullman Industries (Butler, Indiana) as receptionist from 1998 to 2005. She is now employed at Levy Butler Mill Services (Butler, Indiana) as their Human Resource Generalist.

The family enjoys various motor sports, ATV riding, die cast collectibles, our family's history, as well as automotive history (so much so that Tucker was named after the ill fated Tucker Automobile Company)

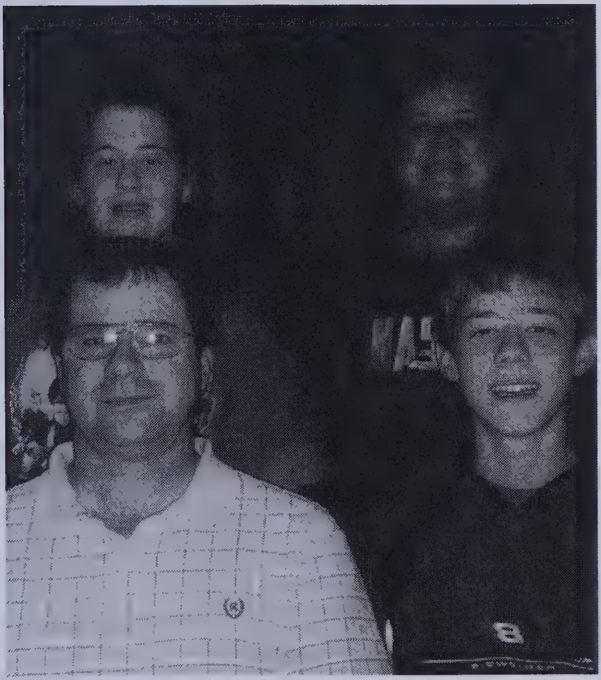
Submitted by Peter Reinoehl

Sam Paul Reinoehl and Sandy Ann Hantz

Sam Paul Reinoehl, was born on 14 November 1957 in Garrett Indiana. He is the son of Paul and Jean (Shumaker) Reinoehl of Ashley. Sam is the middle child and has two older sisters and two younger brothers who are married: Terry and Sally (Reinoehl) Wilson of Waterloo, Tim and Cathy (Reinoehl) Wells of Ashley, Mike and Karen (Raines) Reinoehl of Ashley, Peter and D' Anna (Streeter) Reinoehl of Ashley. .

Sandy Ann (Hantz) Reinoehl, was born on 05 February 1964, in Angola, Indiana. She is the daughter of Wendell and Marge (Powell) Hantz of Auburn. Sandy is the youngest child and has two older sisters and one older brother who are married: Roger and Julie (Hantz) Hess of Auburn, Wayde and Cathy (Hantz) Anderson of Saint Joe, and Wesley and Jackie (Harrold) Hantz of Auburn.

Sam and Sandy were married on 29 July 1989 at Pleasant Chapel Church of the Brethren, Ashley.



The Sam and Sandy (Hantz) Reinoehl Family

Back l to r: Meagan and Sandy
Front l to r: Sam and Matthew.

Sam attended Fairfield and Ashley Elementary and DeKalb High School. He also, attended Purdue University and has a Masters Degree in Vocational Agriculture. He is currently employed with Eastside Jr.-Sr. High School in Butler where he has been employed since 1980. Sam is a member of Pleasant Chapel Church of The Brethren, Ashley. Sam has served on the church board, is an FFA Advisor, and has served on several boards and committees.

Sandy attended Butler Elementary and Eastside High School. She is currently employed with DeKalb County Farm Service Agency in Auburn where she has been employed since 1986. Sandy has served on different committees with the church.

Sam and Sandy own a home in Fairfield Township near Ashley, Indiana. Sam has a small farm which includes grain, hay and livestock.

Sam and Sandy were blessed with twins (girl and boy) on 17 December 1990 at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. Meagan and Matthew Reinoehl attended Country Meadows Elementary, DeKalb Middle School, and now are enrolled at DeKalb High School.

Submitted by Sam and Sandy Reinoehl

Solomon Reinoehl and Martha Eckhart

Solomon Reinoehl, son of David and Rebecca (Weirich) Reinoehl, was born 06 August 1843 in Richland County, Ohio. His paternal grandparents were John Michael Reinoehl and Katherine Fischer. His maternal grandparents were John Weirich and Elizabeth Rupe.

Solomon had six siblings: John, born 26 December 1833, married (1) Susan Bair and (2) Mary Ann Grimm, died 17 May 1923 near Helmer; Catherine, born 05 May 1835, married John Gushwa, died 07 May 1862 in Fairfield Township; Elizabeth, born 15 December 1836, married Michael Eckhart, died 25 April 1909 in Fairfield Township; Louisa, born 10 February 1839, married Cornelius Wert, died 28 April 1921 in Kendallville; Mary Magdalena, born 26 April 1841, married William Shafer, died 24 May 1926; Amos Reinoehl, born 13 October 1847, died 19 February 1863 in Fairfield Township.

Solomon Reinoehl married Martha Eckhart on 02 August 1866 in DeKalb County. Martha, daughter of Henry and Barbara (Froehlich) Eckhard, was born 11 October 1847 near Troy, Rensselaer County, New York. Her paternal grandparents were Johannes Eckhard and Elizabetha Katharine Kreisel. Her maternal grandparents are unknown. Martha had five siblings who were born in Germany: George Frederick, Michael, Mary Elizabeth, John Adam and Catherine.

Solomon was nine years old when he came to DeKalb County with his parents. As an adult, he taught school several years and farmed the family homestead in Fairfield Township. He served as Township Assessor and School Trustee, was a member of the Evangelical Association, Sunday School Superintendent, and Elder. In 1902, he moved to a smaller farm near Corunna and, later, retired to Kendallville, Noble County, Indiana. He suffered a paralytic stroke in 1913 from which he never recovered and died 24 September 1916.

Martha (Eckhart) Reinoehl was five years old when her family moved from New York State to DeKalb County in August 1852. They settled on an eighty-acre farm in Franklin Township where she attended the public schools. After her father's death in 1853, Martha moved to Fairfield Township to live with her brother, Michael Eckhart. She died of pneumonia at a grandson's home in Maumee, Ohio on 27 December 1928. Solomon and Martha are buried in the Fairfield Cemetery, rural Corunna.

Solomon and Martha Reinoehl were the parents of eight children: Mary Alice, born 28 May 1867, married Levi Calvin Shaffer, died 22 July 1948; Job Albert, born 27 June 1868, married (1) Myrtle Lenora Shaffer and (2) Alice Richardson, died 10 October 1957; Cora Rebecca, born 17 January 1870, married (1) Samuel Clayton Urey and (2) Martin Alva Long, died 23 September 1953; Isaiah Oziah, born 19 February 1873, married (1) Vida Ella Sherlock and (2) Lucinda Chadwick, died 05 July 1939; William Elmer, born 01 February 1875, married Ola Pearl (Stonecypher) Whelan, died 08 May 1956; Charles Myron, born 19 September 1878, married Blanche Mae Huet, died 03 March 1957; Rosa Viola, born 26 October 1880, married Albert Edward Sherlock, died 17 October 1964; and Hester Nora, born 11 September 1886, married Clarence Arthur King, died 13 October 1979.

Submitted by Jennie (King) Phillips

Todd Edward Reinoehl

Todd Edward Reinoehl was born 26 March 1967 in DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn, Indiana, son of Max Edward Reinoehl, born 30 October 1942, and Sharon (Rinehold) Reinoehl, born 20 March 1943. His paternal grandparents are Harold Edward Reinoehl, born 27 December 1914, and Hilda Mae (Smith) Reinoehl, born 20 May 1920. His maternal grandparents were Carl Ivan Rinehold, born 17 September 1916, died 18 July 1986, and Lorraine (Likens) Rinehold, born 08 Apri11918, died 21 February 1998.

Todd went to Fairfield Center Elementary for five years, and when he was in 5th grade he had his grandfather, Harold Reinoehl for a teacher. Todd graduated from DeKalb High School in 1985. He worked for Carter Lumber in Corunna, Indiana, for several years, and has worked for Nucor Building Systems in Waterloo for the past 14 years.

Todd has a daughter, Jamie Lynn Reinoehl, born 22 June 1986, Jamie is a 2004 graduate of Prairie Heights High School. Jamie is a sophomore at IUPUI in Indianapolis, studying elementary education.

Submitted by Max and Sharon Reinoehl

Troy Scott Reinoehl and Laralyn Shultz

Troy Scott Reinoehl was born 07 February 1971, in DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn, Indiana, son of Max Edward Reinoehl, born 30 October 1942, and Sharon Kay (Rinehold) Reinoehl, born 20 March 1943. His paternal grandparents are Harold Edward Reinoehl, born 27 December 1914, and Hilda Mae (Smith) Reinoehl, born 20 May 1920.

His maternal grandparents were Carl Ivan Rinehold, born 17 September 1916, died 18 July 1986, and Lorraine (Likens) Rinehold, born 08 April 1918, died 21 February 1998.

Troy and Lara Lyn Shultz were married 02 May 1998.

Lara Lyn (Shultz) Reinoehl was born 21 January 1971, in DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn, daughter of Marion E. Shultz, born 17 May 1943, died 17 May 2005, and Janice L. (Hindbaugh) Shultz, born 04 March 1943.

Troy graduated from DeKalb High School in 1989. He went to Tri-State University, located in Angola, Indiana, graduating in 1995 with a Bachelor of Art Degree in Computer-Aided-Drafting & Design. Troy has worked for Eaton Corporation as a Mechanical Designer for the last 12 years. Lara also graduated from DeKalb High School in 1989, and went on to Manchester College. Lara graduated in 1993 with a Bachelor of Art Degree with a major in Accounting, and in 1994 with a Master of Accountancy Degree. Lara now is Controller for Equity Investment Group in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Submitted by Max and Sharon Reinoehl

Henry Rempis

Henry Rempis was born in Massillon, Ohio, on 11 October 1838, one of eight children of Charles Louis (Carl Ludwig) Rempis and Louisa Agatha Berg Rempis. The parents and four older children had immigrated from Nurtingen, Wurttemberg, Germany in 1831. In 1853, the family moved to a farm in Smithfield Township, DeKalb County, Indiana, coming by way of the Ohio Canal to Cleveland, across the lake to Toledo, and by the Wabash Canal to Fort Wayne. They then joined old neighbors and friends in DeKalb County and acquired the 120 acres that was to remain in the family for five generations. The farm they purchased was largely uncleared. A diary Henry kept, which is now in possession of his descendents, describes the tedious day to day process of clearing the land. Many daily entries read simply, "Chopped wood."

In 1859 Henry's father died. Soon after, in 1861, his older brother, William also died. Since his other older brother, Charles Louis, Jr., had married in 1856 and had a family of his own, Henry became sole protector and wage earner for his mother and three sisters, Amelia, Caroline, and Catharine. This was a responsibility which kept him from enlisting in the Civil War, something he earnestly wished to do.

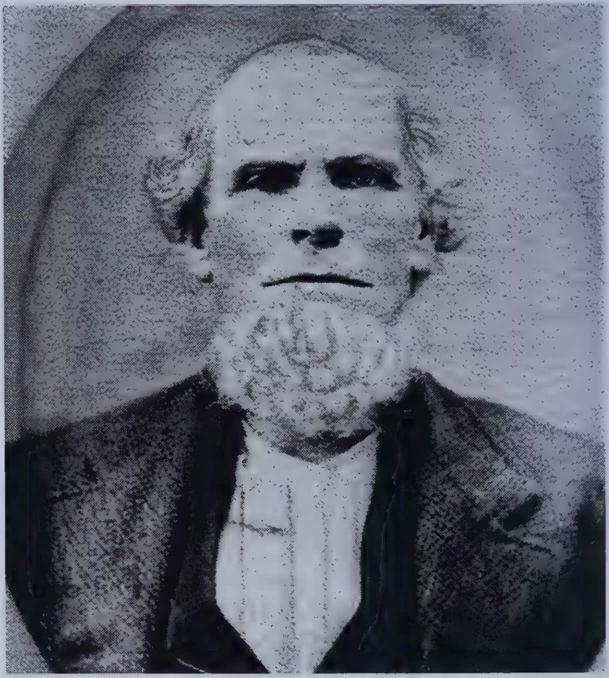
On 05 November 1871, he married Sophia

French Olcott, a widow from Nunda, New York, who had come to DeKalb County with her young son, Charles, to teach at the Hesse Cassel and Cedar Lake schools. Three daughters were born to this union: Laura Luella, Lena Amelia, and Olive Matilda. The eldest, who went by the name Luella, became a school teacher, first in the schools of DeKalb and Steuben Counties, and then, for most of her life, in Mishawaka, Indiana. In 1888, tragedy struck when young Charles Olcott was drowned while swimming with friends. A decade later, in 1898, daughter Lena drowned when a boat in which she was riding with a group of family and friends capsized on Lake James. At the time, she was newly engaged to Edward Dickinson Willis of Waterloo. In 1902, Edward Willis married the youngest Rempis daughter, Olive. Two children were born to this union, Eloise Olive and Henry Edward. After a few years in Waterloo, the Edward Willis family moved to Angola, where they remained for the rest of their lives.

Henry Rempis was not only a highly skilled and hard-working farmer, but he also had great technical and mechanical skills. He personally built the family farm house, which still stands on County Road 427 just north of U.S. Highway 6. His descendants continue to enjoy several pieces of furniture which he handcrafted, including a set of six ladder-backed chairs and a walnut storage chest.

During the last year and a half of his life, as his health declined, he resigned from active farming and moved to a house on Lincoln Street in Waterloo, where he died on 11 January 1908. Sophia Rempis remained in the Lincoln Street home until 1918, when she moved to Angola to live with her daughter and family. She died there on 11 June 1928.

Submitted by Cynthia Willis Pinkerton



John Rhinesmith

John and Esther Rickel Rhinesmith

The sojourn of the Rhinesmith family in DeKalb County, Indiana, spans just over a century, from the 1840s to the 1950s. John Rhinesmith (b. 1824) came from Ohio to wed Esther Rickel (b. 1828) in DeKalb County in 1848. They returned briefly to Wayne County, Ohio where children George (b. 1857), Barbara (b. 1859), and Daniel (b. 1861) were born and then the family returned to DeKalb County, Troy Township, where John was a farmer. Both John and Esther died in Ashley and are buried in Circle Cemetery, Steuben County.

John's ancestors came originally from Frankfort Am Main in Germany sometime in the mid 1700s and settled in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, from whence, about 1790, they migrated to Ohio. Esther's ancestors came from Sinsheim, Wurtemburg, Germany in 1757 and also settled in

Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, and thence to Ohio.

George Rhinesmith married Etta Meek (b. 1854) in 1887 in Waterloo, Indiana. They had no children, but did raise the son of his sister, Barbara, after her early death. George was a carpenter all his adult life and built a great many houses and other structures in Ashley including both the Methodist and Christian Churches and the town hall. Both he and Etta were active church and lodge members for many years. George and Etta died in Ashley and are buried in Circle Cemetery, Steuben County.

Barbara Rhinesmith married Oliver Wheaton of DeKalb County before 1880 and they had two children.

Daniel Rhinesmith married Amelia Bickel (b. 1864) in Waterloo in 1883. They had one child, Raymond Rhinesmith (b. 1884). Widowed a few years later, Daniel then married Alice Shafer (b. 1959), in Waterloo about 1894. They had twin sons in 1896 only one, Ernest, surviving at birth. Daniel was a house painter and paper hanger working closely with his brother George for many years. He was an active member of the Methodist church serving as Sunday School superintendent 1904-1910. Daniel and Alice died in Ashley and are buried in Circle Cemetery, Steuben County.

Ernest married Elizabeth Delano (b. 1904) in Ashley in 1922. This couple moved to Gary, Indiana for a number of years, returning to Ashley in 1927, where after a few years Ernest became rural letter carrier out of the Ashley post office. He served in the U.S. Army in WWI and in the Army Air Force after the war and is buried in the National Cemetery, Dayton, Ohio. The couple had three children, Bill (b. 1923), Mike (b. 1925), and Gretchen (b. 1928). Bill left the area in 1941 to attend the Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland from which he graduated in 1944. Mike and Gretchen moved to California in the mid fifties, and thus, the Rhinesmiths of DeKalb County became history. Both Bill and Mike served honorably in the U.S. Navy in the Pacific Area during the latter part of WWII, Bill on a heavy cruiser, the USS Pittsburg, during the Iwo Jima and Okinawa invasions, and Mike in the same area on an LST.

Submitted by John W. Rhinesmith

Lorraine Likens Rinehold and Carl Ivan Rinehold

Carl Ivan Rinehold and Lorraine Likens Rinehold

Carl Ivan Rinehold was born 17 September 1916, in Jackson Township, DeKalb County, Indiana, son of Leroy Clay and Eva (Warstler) Rinehold. His paternal grandparents were George and Ellen (Burtzner) Rinehold. His maternal grandparents were Oliver and Elizabeth (Kester) Warstler.

Lorraine (Likens) Rinehold was born 08 April 1918, in Union Township, daughter of Grover Cleveland and Margarette (Hampshire) Likens. Her paternal grandparents were George W. and Mary Jane (Antrup) Likens. Her maternal grandparents were John E. and Mary C. (Buttermore) Hampshire.

Carl and Lorraine were married 05 April 1939 in Leo. Over the years Carl farmed in Jackson, Richland, Franklin, and Smithfield Townships. To supplement his income he also worked at the Auburn Foundry, Rieke Corporation and also owned and operated the Cities Service Station at Jackson and 9th Street in Auburn. In the early 60's he owned and operated the Standard Station in Waterloo, and later drove truck for Supreme Transit Mix Inc.

Lorraine worked at Messenger Corporation, Rieke Corporation, and in the office at Farm Bureau. Lorraine served as Deputy DeKalb County Recorder for 5 1/2 years and DeKalb County Recorder for 9 1/2 years completing 1 1/2 years of Miriam Hunter Buckles' term upon her resignation.

Carl had two brothers; Joseph Rinehold (deceased), Walter Rinehold (deceased), and three sisters; Beulah (Rinehold) Amstutz (deceased), Opal (Rinehold) Wiley (deceased), and Mildred (Rinehold) Brown who lives east of Auburn.

Lorraine had three brothers; Harold Likens (deceased), Argal Likens (deceased), and Max Likens (deceased), and three sisters; Opal (Likens) Hursh (deceased), Betty (Likens) Wilson (deceased), and Jenyce (Likens) Grate, who lives west of Waterloo.

Carl and Lorraine were the parents of three children: Dale Elwyne Rinehold, Sharon (Rinehold) Reinoehl, and Roger Dennis Rinehold.

Dale Elwyne Rinehold was born 22 April 1941. Dale farms, and with his wife, Jeanie, own and operate Rinehold Tack & Western Wear of Waterloo.

Sharon (Rinehold) Reinoehl was born 20 March 1943 and works in the Pharmacy at Angola Wal Mart. She lives west of Ashley.

Roger Dennis Rinehold was born 15 July 1944 and is retired from Nucor Building Systems of Waterloo. Roger lives near Hamilton.

After Carl and Lorraine retired, they moved east of Waterloo to the first farm they owned and spent winters in Florida. Carl passed away 18 July 1986. Three years later; Lorraine married Russell Walker on 25 October 1989. They lived north of Waterloo and spent winters in Florida. Russell passed away 03 November 1997, and Lorraine passed away 21 February 1998.

Submitted by Max and Sharon Reinoehl

Charles Edward Riser and Golda Mary Barve

Charles Edward Riser was a twin born to George and Amanda (Garber) Riser on 28 February 1884 in DeKalb County, Indiana. His twin brother was John Riser. Charles was first married to Mary Florence Huth on 15 January 1910. Florence was the daughter of George and Emma Jane (Eberly) Huth. She was born 15 May 1889 and died 24 November 1910. A daughter was born and died 18 November 1910. They are buried in Big Run Cemetery, DeKalb County, Indiana. Charles then married Golda Mary Barve, daughter of Henry and Etta (Dove) Barve.

Golda was born 17 August 1893 in DeKalb County, Indiana. Charles and Golda were married in Butler, on 28 August 1912. In 1937 the moved to Marshall, Michigan, later moving to Stuart Lake where they resided the rest of their lives.

Four children were born to them: Winona Lorene, Virginia Etta, George Henry, and Erman William.

Winona Lorene (26 March 1913 – 22 January 1989) married Erman Kenneth Kaiser. They were the parents of eight children: Keith Alan, Gary Erman, Paul Eugene, Tony Lee, George Henry, Kathleen Ann, Rachel Elizabeth, and Peter Marshal.

Virginia Etta (09 May 1916 - 11 March 2003). Virginia married Allen F. Seltenright. Frederick Allen, Katherine Jean, Ellen Virginia, Charles Wayne, Cheryl Joy, and Tommy Richard are their children.

George Henry (02 August 1919-21 December 1946) was married and had a son, David. George was a WWII veteran. He died in a tractor accident near Marshall, Michigan.

Erman William (04 April 1923 – 19 December 2003) was also a WWII Veteran. He married Betty Amsler and their children are Randall E. and Bruce L.

Charles worked for the Marhall Furnace Company. Golda worked at Win Shuler's restaurant.

Charles died 08 July 1965. Golda died 01 August 1977. They are buried in Lyon Lake Cemetery, Calhoun County, Michigan.

Submitted by Lynn Kaiser

Martin Riser and Catherine Ott

Martin and Catherine Ott Riser came to America in 1852 from Germany, first locating in Stark County, Ohio then moving to Williams County, Ohio. In 1867 they moved to a farm near in northern Stafford Township, DeKalb County, Indiana.

Martin was born 09 August 1810 in Württemberg, Germany, and died 24 September 1875 in DeKalb County, Indiana.

Catherine Ott was the daughter of George and Mary (Karn) Ott. She was born 18 May 1828 in Württemberg. She lived on a farm in Germany. Her father died when she was a child. Catherine died in Defiance County, Ohio 25 February 1909 at the home of her daughter, Mary. Martin and Catherine are buried in Big Run Cemetery, DeKalb County, Indiana.

Martin and Catherine were married in Germany. They are the parents of eight children. John Martin (25 December 1845-25 July 1930) was born in Germany and married Anna Margaret Decker in 1874; Margaret (- 1862); George (26 February 1852-02 February 1936) was born on the vessel enroute to America. He married Amanda Garber on 27 February 1879 in DeKalb County; David W. (25 February 1854 – 25 February 1920) married Mary Isabelle Jennings. David loved to fish and spent some time in Florida; Christian Riser (1859 - 07 April 1943) married Mary E. Seeman; Mary A. (21 May 1861-25 September 1929) first married William Baumer. He died in 1895 and she then married Isaac S. Hose on 16 September 1897; Catherine (04 January 1865-17 March 1932) was married to Fred D. Blaker; William Riser (Ollus Moughler said that Willie died young and is buried in a cemetery near a railroad underpass east of Edgerton, Ohio know as Minah.)

Catherine was confirmed in the German Lutheran Church at the age of fourteen and remained a faithful member until her death.

Submitted by Lynn Kaiser

Ford Lisle Rohm and Bessie Mildred Oberlin

Ford Lisle Rohm was born 09 September 1899 in Auburn, Indiana to John George and Edith Latson Rohm. His maternal grandparents were Charles William and Sarah Ritter Latson. His paternal grandparents were William B. and Lucinda Morr

Rohm.

As a child, Ford and his brother, Owen walked into town through all kinds of weather to go to school. Sometimes they even "hopped" the train that went past their home. "It was dangerous but fun and sometimes would they would even 'hop' the train to and from school." As the time passed, Owen and Ford were unable to finish school but graduated from the eighth grade. They had to stay home and help on the farm.

Ford Lisle Rohm and Bessie Oberlin Rohm

Even though he had only an eighth grade education, he led a very successful life working and gaining experience in many areas. He farmed with his father for a while, worked at a garage in Waterloo, transported and sold chickens in Chicago, worked at Nehi Soda Pop Company and finally worked at the Metropolitan Insurance Company as an Insurance agent for 35 years, receiving the highest award Metropolitan Life Insurance Company offered, the prestigious President's Award. He also belonged to the Lion's Club, Masonic Lodge and enjoyed ice fishing as a Hobby.

After Ford had a family, he put out a wonderful victory garden in Auburn at Katie Van Holsbeke's home. She was an elderly lady that had an empty plot in her backyard. Ford worked hard and would have a bumper crop each year and would share his bounty with Ms. Van Holsbeke. There are no words to describe the taste of these tomatoes fresh off the vine.

Ford married Bessie Mildred Oberlin 24 December 1923 at Waterloo, Indiana. Bessie was born 05 May 1898 to Commodore Perry and Mary NiEtta Corbin Oberlin. Her maternal grandparents were Charles Corbin and Sarah Jane Duncan Corbin Bessie's fraternal grandparents were George J. Duncan and Mary Baxter Duncan. Bessie attended Old Harrison School and graduated from the eighth grade. She was a housewife and enjoyed sewing and crocheting throughout her life. Her brother George and his wife, Nellie, who lived across the street, would go back and forth playing Euchre together with the family. Bessie was a wonderful cook and enjoyed family gatherings at their home on Sundays. She was picked as Betz's Queen in 1979 at age 81, and represented the Nursing Home in the Nursing Home Queen Pageant held at Fort Wayne. She and Ford were faithful members of St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Auburn. Ford and Bessie had two children.

David Lisle Rohm was born 09 March 1929 at Auburn, Indiana and had his life tragically cut short 11 July 1949 at St. Joseph's Hospital in Fort Wayne from injuries in a car wreck. While a child, he enjoyed baseball, bike riding and playing with marbles. Once he attained driving age, he owned a car with a rumble seat and was very proud of it. After graduating from Auburn High School, he bought a Cushman motor scooter traveling to Yellowstone Park in 1948 with friends, sleeping and dreaming under the stars.

A daughter, Joyce Rosalie Rohm was born 21 November 1934 in Auburn, Indiana. She graduated from Auburn High School and married Jerry Wayne Springer on 04 June 1960 and lives in Auburn.

After a long rewarding life Ford passed away 25 April 1970 at his home. At Betz's Nursing Home in Auburn, Indiana, Bessie Oberlin Rohm died May 1986, age 88.

Submitted by Joyce Springer

Bill and Donna Rosenberry

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William and Donna Rosenberry

William, son of Arthur and Orpha Sharp Rosenberry, was born 09 May 1928 in Souder Hospital, Auburn, Indiana. Donna Jean Hart Rosenberry, daughter of Clifford and Vera Mae Guilford Hart, was born 26 December 1930 at 1316 South Cedar Street, Auburn.

Bill and Donna were married 06 June 1949 at Trinity Lutheran Church on West Twelfth Street, Auburn by Rev. Arthur Betz.

After graduating from Butler High School and International Business College, Bill joined his father in the drainage and excavating business.

Donna worked for H. M. Covell, M.D. as receptionist from 1972-1984. She graduated L.P.N. in 1982. She was the County Treasurer 1989-1992.

They sold their farm to their son in 2002. After living in the same house for 53 years, they now live in Cosby, Tennessee.

To this union three children were born. Tom and his wife, Teri, live on the home place. Nancy Jean married Don Dohner and they live in Butler. Jean Ann married Tom Haupert. They live east of Butler.

Tom Rosenberry was born 26 March 1950. He married Sharon Webb. Julie Renee was born 14 June 1971. Tom and Sharon divorced. Julie married Damian Dickerhoof 08 November 1997. They have a daughter Makenzie Marie (b. 04 December 1994). Dalton was born 03 February 1999. They reside in Auburn.

Tom married Teri Wieke 21 June 2003. He worked for Geiger Construction.

Nancy Jean was born 12 May 1952 and married David Capp. Elizabeth Jean was born 02 September 1972. She married Ricky Worley 18 October 2003. Joshua David Capp was born 05 April 1998. He was adopted by Rick Worley 24 February 2005. Kevin James was born 09 November 2004. They live in Butler.

Brian David Capp was born 02 October 1974. He married Mandy 13 January 1995. Abagail Joy was born 04 September 1998. Madison Alexis was born 04 April 2000. Logan James was born 18 July 2003. They reside in rural Butler.

Jean Ann Rosenberry was born 12 May

1971. Tom was born 30 July 1953. Jean works at DeKalb Memorial Hospital. Tom works at Magic Coil. They are parents of three children: Todd Allen, Randy, and Angela Jean. Todd Allen was born 23 September 1971. He married Christy Keller 19 June 2004. They reside in Waterloo. Randy was born 30 April 1973. He married Renee Rossier 27 April 1996. They live in Goshen. Angela Jean born 09 August 1976 was married to Tracy Haupart 08 June 1996. They have two children: Krustin Jean born 28 June 2000 and Ty Charles born 13 March 2002. They reside west of Garrett.

Bill and Donna are members of Webb Creek United Methodist Church at Gatlinburg, Tennessee. They enjoy their retirement in the Great Smoky Mountains.

Submitted Bill and Donna Rosenberry

David Miles Rowe and Jennora Spindler Miller Rowe

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David Miles Rowe was born in DeKalb County, Indiana, in October of 1870. He was the son of Zachariah and Sarah Eunice Allen Rowe. He did not marry until he was almost 31 years of age. On 03 September 1901, his choice of life partner was Jennora Spindler Miller, a widow of Henry Miller with two children, Guy and Delia and one step-child, Arthur who left home at an early age. Jennora's parents were Nicodemus and Barbara Amstead Spindler.

David and Jennora had eight children together: Thelmer Rowe, Allen Rowe, Harold Rowe, Wilbur David Rowe, Herbert Rowe, Elmer Grant Rowe, Golda Marie Rowe, Wilson "Pete" Rowe.

Thelmer W. Rowe was born 07 March 1902. He married Harriet Holman. They had two children: Jackie Wayne Rowe and Jimmie (died when he was about two). They are both buried in Fairfield Cemetery with Thelmer passing away 13 October 1974 at Garrett, Indiana and Harriet passing away December 1994.

Allen Rowe was born 09 November 1903 and he married Carrie Lucille "Peggy" Nelson. They had four children: Richard Miles Rowe, Bernard Elmer Rowe, Violet Mae Rowe Lepley, Rose Ellen Rowe Shipe. Allen and Peggy are buried in Circle Cemetery with Allen passing away 17 November 1967 and Peggy passing away 13 May 2002. Peggy remarried in September 1974 to Russell T. Mills.

Harold Rowe was born 19 February 1905. Harold married Mable Albright 04 April 1926. They had two children: one stillborn and Phyllis Rowe Mergy Gaff. Harold died 28 February 1965 in Steuben County and Mable died 27 May 1979. They are both buried in Circle Cemetery near Hudson, Indiana.

Wilbur David Rowe was born 10 May 1906

and married Vesta Albright 01 November 1927, a sister of Mable Albright. They had three children: Dewey (deceased), L. D., and Max. Wilbur and Vesta are both buried at Circle Cemetery with Wilbur dying 21 July 1966 in Steuben County and Vesta dying 17 March 1974.

Herbert Rowe born 10 August 1907 married Olabelle Boyd. They had ten children: Rose Marie Rowe (deceased), Herbert Rowe, Jr., Annabelle Rowe Trammell, Donald Arlie Rowe (deceased), Barbara L. Rowe Arnold (deceased), Clair Rowe, Eva Mae Rowe Crawford, Bonnie Sue Rowe Spillane, Elmer "Dean" Rowe (deceased), Laurel Rowe, and Larry Rowe. Herbert died 15 April 1961. Olabelle remarried Mr. Hanna and lives currently in Butler.

Elmer Grant Rowe was born 23 October 1909 in Fairfield Township., DeKalb County, and died 05 May 1922 in Steuben County.

Golda Marie Rowe was born 17 November 1911. She married Russell Thomas Mills 22 February 1930. They had five children: Robert Thomas Mills, Ronald Bruce Mills, Rodney Daniel Mills, Rita Joyce Mills Smith, Roselyn Iris Mills Wells. Golda died 30 June 1972 in Auburn, Indiana. Russell passed away 25 June 1987 in Auburn.

Wilson S. "Pete" Rowe was born 30 November 1912. He married Laura Sowinski. Pete and Laura had three children: two children, a boy and girl, died in infancy and Phillip Rowe. Pete passed away December 1984 at Valparaiso, Indiana. Laura died in April of 1994.

David worked for a while as a timber cutter for the Hoosier Manufacturing Company, but mostly farmed throughout his life. He was a very strong muscular person and there are many stories of how much weight he could lift at a time. He was never hesitant in showing off this skill. One time, he helped someone load his wagon and lifted more than three people working together could lift. David lifted the cargo, like it was nothing and handed it to three people working together. The three people dropped it and the cargo went through the floor of the wagon. He enjoyed visiting his family back in Ohio and Pennsylvania, and loved his grandchildren. He and Jennora bought his father-in-law's farm in DeKalb County and farmed for many years there. About 1921 they bought a farm in Salem Township, Steuben County, Indiana.

Jennora and Henry Miller's children were Guy and Delia Berniece Miller. Guy was born 01 September 1893 and died 01 June 1975. After Jennora died, Guy kept the farm going that he had worked on most of his life. Delia was born 06 August 1896 and married Howard Earl "Earl" Husselman and lived for many years north of Auburn on the Auburn-Ashley Road. Delia died 29 January 1985.

Submitted by Roselyn Mills Wells

Adults in picture left to right:
Harold Miles Rowe, Mabel Albright Rowe,
Phyllis Ann Rowe Mergy (Gaff)

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Harold Miles Rowe and Mable Albright Rowe

Harold Miles Rowe, the son of David Miles Rowe and Jennora Spindler Miller Rowe, was born 19 February 1905 in DeKalb County, Indiana. He went to school at Neidig School, just down the road from where they lived in Fairfield Township.

Growing up, Harold became strong, helping around the farm with the many chores that needed done. When he was a young man, he used this strength to participate in the local boxing exhibitions. He won many bouts in the Ashley-Hudson area. They would set up rings in the local towns for area fighters. Harold became a farmer, like his father and grandfather before him.

He married Mable Albright 04 April 1926 in Hudson, Indiana.

Mable was the daughter of Frank Albright and Stella Myers Albright. Her siblings included: Vesta Albright Rowe (married Wilbur Rowe, a brother of Harold's), Ebon Albright, Earl Albright, Cora Albright, and an infant that died at birth. While growing up, Mable went the Cedar Lake Church of Christ and was baptized there.

Harold and Mable had two children. One was a stillborn birth. In 1938, a daughter, Phyllis Ann, came to their home. She had many fond memories of her loving parents.

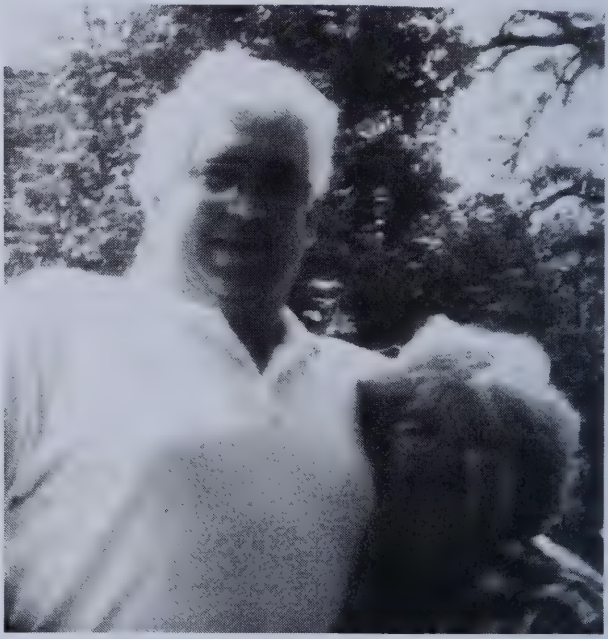
Harold and Mable owned a prosperous farm about one-half mile west of Ashley on State Road 4 (the county-line road between Steuben and DeKalb) for many years. Besides farming, Harold and Mable raised chickens and dairy cows.

In their leisure time, they enjoyed visiting their family and neighbors, especially Lester and Virgie Hartman. They enjoyed many a good competitive card game with these two and remained close friends throughout their lives. Harold enjoyed tractor pulls and would compete locally. He did very well at the Steuben County fairgrounds with his John Deere tractor. He also enjoyed fishing in the local lakes.

Mabel and Harold got many opportunities to enjoy their grandchildren, Pam and Debbie Mergy. They also shared in the sadness of the loss of another grandchild, Vicki.

Harold passed away, while doing chores on 28 February 1965. Mable moved away from the farm to the town of Ashley in her twilight years and passed away 27 May 1979 at the age of 72 years.

Submitted by Phyllis Gaff



Phillip James Rowe and Mary Ellen Smedley

Phillip James Rowe and Mary Ellen Smedley Rowe

Phillip James Rowe was born 01 November 1941 at Gary, Indiana. His parents were Wilson "Pete" Rowe (b.1912 DeKalb County d. 1984 Valparaiso) and Laura Sowinski (b. 1910 Poland d.1994).

Phillip enjoyed coming to the DeKalb County area to visit with his grandparents and relatives. He remembered hiding in the pantry making bread, butter, and sugar sandwiches with his cousins. He also loved to check out his grandmother's bushel basket of arrowheads found in the local fields, which were unfortunately lost in a house fire. Phil was very close to his father, learning values which served him well later in life. His dad taught him how to respect guns when hunting and the wonderful feel of the earth. A lesson learned while young was to treat others with respect, and that was taught when he decided to use his uncle's bent over figure as a target for a BB gun. A lesson on truth and respect for life was taught to him when he was less than honest about admitting to shooting a bird, also for target practice with his BB gun. Phil was taught a very strong work ethic. He helped his father work while his friends were playing. Phil did appreciate this discipline when taking over the business of the nursery, "Rowe-ling" Acres, the nursery started by his dad, and then teaching his own children how to appreciate the earth, working hard at whatever they did.

Phil met his future wife, Mary Ellen Smedley, daughter of Frank Smedley (b. 11 October 1909 d. September 1964) and Leona Burrus Smedley (b. 23 July 1910 d. 05 September 1942), Galien Michigan on a blind date through a neighbor down the street. They went on a double date and decided they suited very well. They married 13 June 1964 in Valparaiso, Indiana. Phil was very close to Mary's family. He instantly got the brothers and sisters that he yearned for as a child. Mary had plenty to share. She had four brothers and three sisters.

Mary was born 05 September 1942 in Galien, Michigan. Mary graduated from Buchanan High School, Michigan. After graduation, she moved to Valparaiso. She got a job at Lowenstien Department Store and worked there four years. She quit her job when she married Phil.

Phil and Mary had two children, James "Jim" Franklin Rowe and Victoria Marie Rowe.

Jim was born 04 April 1965 in Niles, Michigan. He married his first wife, Kim Carless 28 May 1988 and they had Christopher 26 November 1991 in Valparaiso, Indiana. They divorced. Jim then married Dawn Powers Hass, daughter of Gerald and Lela Powers on 10 August 1996, bringing with her a beautiful daughter, Sarah Hass, from a previous marriage into the family. Jim lives next door, running "Rowe-ling" Acres, having taught his children a very strong work ethic, like his father, Phil, had taught him.

Victoria Marie was born 13 February 1967. Victoria learned how to work at the nursery and grounds, using an ax, hatchet, clippers and even to run a Rota tiller. Phil and Mary treated their children the same when it came to working hard which has stood them in good stead in current times. Victoria has one child by a previous marriage, Hannah Peteprin and lives in Connecticut.

Phil passed away from cancer on 25 May 2004 Valparaiso, Indiana. He is greatly missed by his wife, children, grandchildren and the many relatives still in DeKalb County and elsewhere. He bought a tape recorder, shortly before he died, so he could tape an interview and share memories of his father, grandparents, and himself when he was growing up. He and Mary, on the way home from trips to Connecticut, would stop to check out the Rowe (Salem) Church in Salem, Pennsylvania, founded by some of his ancestors in 1776. Phil said you could close your eyes and just visualize what your ancestors went through to obtain what they did in the 1770's. You look up and see a church sitting on a hill, you turn around and see a lot of gravestones and, that in itself tells, you how enriched it is with history and no one can take it apart. If it wasn't for those particular individuals who decided to come here with their families, working here, living here, and shedding blood during the Revolutionary War, we ourselves wouldn't be here sitting and talking in this day and age. Phil's legacy lives on through his family.

Mary still enjoys the outdoors, where she worked side by side with Phil, working at the nursery and keeping her home and grounds beautiful. She keeps very busy and enjoys her family and their grandchildren.

Submitted by Mary Rowe

Zachariah Rowe and Sarah Allen

Zachariah Rowe was born in Holmes County, Ohio, 11 March 1845. His parents were Jacob G. Row and Magdalene Guttery. Zachariah's paternal grandparents were George and Anna Magdelena Row. His maternal grandparents were Samuel Guttery and Suzannah Guterey. Zachariah was a farmer and had a large truck farm (grew vegetables for market.) According to his obituary, it says that he was industrious, energetic, a good citizen, an affectionate husband and a kind and loving father. Money was scarce when he died 23 November 1897.

Zachariah married Sarah Allen 24 October 1869. Eleven children were born to Zachariah and Sarah: David Miles, Nora A., William H., Emma A., Albert E., Elza A., Oliver, Blanche, Edgar W., Mabel Donnie, and a son who died in infancy.

Sarah Eunice Allen Rowe was born 20 September 1846 in Fairfield Township, DeKalb County, Indiana. Her parents were Miles Allen and Mary Jane Beggs. She was only three years old when her father died. Her paternal grandparents were Benjamin Allen and Susannah Russell. Her maternal grandparents were Archibald Beggs and Marie Brogton.

Sarah had a rough time trying to keep her family together after Zachariah died. In 1900 one son, David, got shot in a bar when he was trying to stop a fight and she took care of him. Two months later, another son fell or jumped off a train on his way home from work. He survived only a few hours with Sarah watching him suffer from a broken skull and multiple injuries. She then saw him breathe his last.

After these events, life seemed to be settling down and her children were starting to marry. She was enjoying all her grandchildren, but peace was not to last long. An epidemic of typhoid was happening with the primitive sanitary conditions that existed in that time period. They did not know then what caused typhoid but did know that it was highly contagious. A son, William had married and Sarah was advised to stay away from him as he was sick with the deadly typhoid. She went to his home, sending away her daughter-in- law, trying to protect her. Alas, she was not successful at taking care of William as he passed away 16 October 1906. Sarah, out of her love for her son, exposed herself to typhoid and then catastrophe struck again. She contracted the disease and gave it to everyone still living at home. After much suffering, 15 January 1907, Sarah died. Oliver died 31 January 1907. The rest of the family was taken to Sacred Heart Hospital but Blanche died even with hospital care on 06 February 1907. It was too late for Emma's son, Otto. Emma and her son, Otto, were also living with Sarah during that time. The other three that were sick all miraculously survived. Mabel ended up living with her Uncle Laurel Spindler and Aunt Nora Rowe Spindler. Mabel later lived with another family in Ohio and became a minister in the Wesleyan Church. Blanche's twin Edgar "Nick" survived and lived for a time with his brother, Elza in Garrett. Emma married Cal Husselman and lived in Auburn and later in Hamilton, Indiana.

Submitted by Roselyn Mills Wells

Laura Sowinski and Wilson "Pete" S. Rowe

Wilson "Pete" S. Rowe and Laura Sowinski

Wilson "Pete" S. Rowe was born 30 November 1912, Fairfield Township, DeKalb County. His parents were David Miles Rowe and Jennora Spindler. He attended Neidig School in Fairfield Township and then Salem High School in Steuben County where he was a member of the 1930 Steuben County Championship Basketball Team. He was offered a scholarship at Ball University (probably Ball State University, called Ball Teacher's College in this time period) to play basketball. He decided that was too far away. He graduated Valedictorian of his High School Class and majored in Chemistry at Tri-State College. He chose Chemistry because it was the "thing" of the present. They were talking about splitting the atom, which they did soon after. He went on to work at U. S. Steel located at Gary, Indiana. Pete invented the Catalytic converter. He gave U. S. Steel the patent, but later he was honored with a check for $20,000.

Pete married Leocadia "Laura" Sowinski (b. 12 October 1905 in Poland.) She is the daughter of Stephanus and Sophia Wadas Sowinski. They met about 1939 in Michigan City at one of the dances in the area. They got married in 1940 at Buffalo, New York. This is close to where his sister, Golda Rowe Mills was located. Golda and Russ Mills lived at Niagara Falls and consequently Pete and Laura honeymooned there.

Pete and Laura had three children, including two children that died in infancy and Phillip James Rowe who was born 01 November 1941 and passed away 25 May 2004. Phillip married Mary Ellen Smedley 13 June 1964. They had two children, James and Victoria.

His last thirteen years of life, after retiring from U. S. Steel was enjoyed by him and Laura. Pete had established a nursery, had gotten a license in taxidermy by correspondence and enjoyed that hobby, and became a self taught lapidary specialist (relating to the art of engraving gemstones.) He made jewelry out of everything he could. He experimented with petrified wood, agate, tiger's eye, and many other substances, even part of a rib of a mastodon found by his uncle in DeKalb County in 1897. Pete was as outgoing "booming" person and very likable. He was meticulous in everything he did. He died December 1984 of cancer.

His nursery at "Rowe-ling" Acres was managed at his death by his son, Phillip. His grandchildren, Jim and Victoria worked there while they were growing up. His grandson, Jim now is the manager of the nursery with his children helping him. Pete always believed in telling the truth and taught his values to his son, Phil. He was a well respected gentleman. He enjoyed coming home to the farm to visit his parents and his other relatives in Steuben and DeKalb Counties.

Laura was a very quiet, loving person. She was a gentle, stable woman, always ready to support Pete in everything he did. When she smiled, her eyes would sparkle. She developed severe rheumatism in her hands which somewhat restricted what she did later in life. Laura very rarely complained even though it was obvious that she was in constant pain. She and Pete would come to stay at his sister-in-law's home to attend the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Festival every year. Laura died April 1994 in Valparaiso, Indiana.

Submitted by Mary Rowe

John Rudolph

John Rudolph was born on 22 August 1850 in Boeddiger (south of Kassel), in the state of Hesse, Germany, to Elizabeth Ludwig Rudolph and -- Rudolph. In 1866, at age 15, John came to America on a sailing vessel with his mother and two sisters, Catherine, age 13, and Anna Elizabeth, age 8. Their ship, the Freihandel, sailed from Bremen, and after a rough passage, arrived in New York on 01 June 1866. He later said that their trip, which took thirteen weeks, was difficult and that they ran into bad storms.

It is assumed that these new immigrants were processed through Castle Garden, New York, which was the location of the official immigration processing center prior to 1892.

The ship's passenger list indicates that the family intended to live in Indiana, though why they chose to settle there is unknown.

John located in Auburn Junction with his mother and sisters. He was a shoemaker in Auburn and in Kansas City, Kansas. He was also a railroader for 28 years, serving as section foreman on the B&O, LS, MS, and Vandalia Railroads.

After his arrival in America, John met Elizabeth Catherine Lumm who was born on 05 February 1851 in Kassel, Germany to Conrad Lumm and Magdalena Pippart/ Peppert Lumm. She immigrated to America in 1874.

John Rudolph and Elizabeth Catherine Lumm were married on 24 February 1876. They settled in Auburn Junction after their marriage. John and Elizabeth Catherine were German Methodist.

John and Elizabeth had two sons and five daughters. Two sons and two daughters died in infancy. Their three surviving daughters were born in Auburn Junction: Lydia, born 30 May 1881, married Clarence Allen Boger on 25 March 1900; Emma M., born November 1884, married Steve Shawver on 03 February 1903; Elizabeth C., born 05 August 1890, married William Batdorf on 19 December 1912.

John Rudolph suffered from cancer for four years. He died at his home in Auburn Junction on his 64 birthday on 22 August 1914.

For the last two years of her life Elizabeth Catherine Lumm lived with her daughter, Elizabeth Batdorf, on Indiana Avenue in Auburn, Indiana. She was bedfast for eight weeks with Bright's disease and died on 09 April 1925 at age 74 at her daughter's home. John and Elizabeth are buried in Woodlawn Cemetery.

See also Elizabeth Ludwig Rudolph Benner, Ann Elizabeth Rudolph Morr, and Conrad Lumm.

Submitted by Carolyn E. Trammel

Thomas Jefferson Saxton and Rosa Ashleman

Thomas Jefferson Saxton was born 15 October 1837 in Baldwinsville, New York. His parents were Russel and Dorinda (Tappen) Saxton.

Rosa Ashleman was born 28 February 1850 in Auburn. She was the youngest of the Ashleman children. Her parents were John Ulrich and Maria Everhart Ashleman. Siblings included: A sister that died at sea on the trip to America, Elizabeth, Moses, Barbara, Mary, Regina, Anna, William, and Christopher. Her mother passed away when she was six years of age and her father died when she was fourteen years. Her family sent her to a Catholic School in Fort Wayne for a few years. At the convent, she learned to draw and sew and many other lady-like accomplishments. According to a letter from Nellie Kimmel, "She was very religious and joined the Zionites and contributed liberally to their cause. She was lovable and generous."

Thomas attended high school in Fort Wayne, Indiana and college at Oberlin, Ohio. He began teaching in 1859 and taught in Ohio and Indiana. He was appointed as Clerk of the Court and as Deputy County Auditor. He also served as Deputy County Treasurer in 1873 and served four years. Because of poor health, he retired from teaching and entered the insurance business. He and his wife were members of the Presbyterian Church and was an ardent Prohibitionist.

Thomas and Rosa had three children: Nora Dell was born 02 February 1875 in Auburn, Indiana. She married Charles Bindhammer (b. 30 June 1896 d. 1942); Eric was born 10 July 1877 and died 02 January 1944. He married Blanch Lannum (b. 11 April 1883 d. 22 July 1944); Hugh died when he was about eight from an accident while riding a pony.

Thomas died 02 May 1900 and Rosa passed away on 23 January 1945 at age ninety-five years.

Submitted by Terry Franzman

Richard William Schimpf and Florence Ethel Moore

Richard and Ethel Schimpf

Richard William Schimpf was born 28 January 1902 in Carrothers, Crawford County, Ohio. He was the son of Wm. Frederick and Emma (Burkey) Schimpf of Lykens Township, Crawford County Ohio.

The paternal line of Wm. Frederick is as follows: Frederick Schimpf 1816-1892 and his wife Rosina Sammet 1819-1898; Andrew Schimpf 1783-1860 and his wife Katherina Gruber 1788, Andrew and his family immigrated to America in April 1848 on the ship Duchess d' Orleans, and settled in Crawford County Ohio; Christoph

Schimpf 1759-1787 and his wife Johanna Dorothea Harlen.

Florence Ethel Moore, Ethel as she liked to be called, was born 13 January 1901 in Waterloo Indiana, daughter of Lawerance Freemen and Eretta Mae (Miller) Moore. Freeman was a Quartermaster Sergeant in Company I 157th Regiment Indiana Volunteers in the Spanish American War.

Ethel's paternal grandparents were Thomas R. and Dianthe (Fee) Moore. Her maternal grandparents were Noah and Alice M. (Wolf) Miller. Richard came to DeKalb County around 1923 and with his partner Carl Briegel opened The Butler Chick Hatchery and Produce Company in a one story cement building on South Ash Street in Butler. The business flourished until it was forced to close in the 1940's, but the Tomato Canning factory prospered. The seasonal business hired more than 100 people, mostly women, to work in the factory. The canning business was phased out in the 1960's, and Richard retired.

On 24 June 1926 Richard married Florence Ethel Moore in Auburn by the Rev P.A Soernson of the Lutheran Church. To this union were born two children: William Richard Schimpf 01 December 1929 in Butler Indiana, and Ruth Ethel (Schimpf) Teegardin born 11 November 1932. William had four children: William Edwin born 01 February 1953, David Lee born 16 August 1958, Joleene Ann born 26 March 1960 and Noah Michael born 13 May 1971. Ruth had four children: Sheri Diane was born 21 April 1956, John Daymon was born 16 Jan 1958, Tamara Lynn was born 07 February 1959, and Eric Duwayne was born 08 March 1962.

Richard belonged to the Butler Lodge No. 282 International Order of Odd Fellows and held the office of Secretary. Richard and Ethel were members of the Butler United Methodist church as well.

Submitted by Joleene Kaiser

Charles Henry Schweitzer

Charles Henry Schweitzer was born 10 January 1904 in DeKalb County, Indiana. His parents were George Albert Schweitzer and Nora Adline Stomm. He owned and operated a service station in Ashley for over 50 years, was a past Fire Chief for the Ashley Fire Department, and drove a school bus for DeKalb Central Schools for 42 years.

Charles Henry married 08 April 1904 in Noble County, Indiana to Rowena Pearl Mohler (b. 07 August 1904 Lima Ohio). Parents were Daniel J. Mohler and Pearl Sellers.

They had one child, Robert Eugene Schweitzer who was born 03 October 1932.

Charlie died 03 September 1997 in DeKalb County. Rowena Pearl Mohler died 16 April 1998 in DeKalb County. Both are buried in the Waterloo Cemetery, Waterloo, Indiana.

Submitted by Rita K. Nichols

Christian Schweitzer

Christian Schweitzer was born 23 October 1831 in Nurtingen, Wertumberg, Germany. His parents were Philipp Heinrich Schweitzer and Louisa Margareta Remppis.

Christian married 22 April 1861 in Hinds County, Mississippi to Mary Goule (b. 25 December 1832 in Bavaria, Germany). Christian and Mary Schweitzer had five children: Louisa (b. January 1862 Mississippi), Mary (b. November 1863), Henry (b. 11 October 1865 Smithfield Township, DeKalb County d. 01 December 1915 DeKalb County), Amelia Schweitzer (b. 02 August 1869 DeKalb County d. 17 October 1900 DeKalb County), Anthony "Tony"

Schweitzer (b. November 1873). Anthony may have been adopted.

Christian Schweitzer purchased property from his brother, Gottlieb Schweitzer in DeKalb County on 14 May 1864. In February of 1869 in the DeKalb County probate order book there is an application for administration of the Christian Schweitzer Estate. Christian is not listed in the 1870 Census, his wife is listed as a widow with their children.

Mary died 06 June 1908 DeKalb County and is buried in Cedar Lake Cemetery. Christian died 1868-69, probably in DeKalb County and probably buried in Cedar Lake Cemetery.

Submitted by Rita K. Nichols

George Albert Schweitzer and
Nora Adline Stomm
On their wedding day, 29 March 1900.

George Albert Schweitzer

George Albert Schweitzer was born 25 September 1875 in Smithfield Township, DeKalb County, Indiana. His parents were Gottlieb Schweitzer and Elizabeth Catherine Metzger.

He married 29 March 1900 in the Reformed Parsonage, Hudson, Steuben County Indiana to Nora Adline Stomm (b. 07 February 1877 in Fairfield Township, DeKalb County). Her parents were Henry Stomm and Anna Mariah Gettz.

George and Nora had five children: Charles Henry Schweitzer (b. 10 January 1904 DeKalb County), Anna Marie Schweitzer (b. 08 June 1906 DeKalb County), Willard Ray Schweitzer (b. 15 September 1909 DeKalb County) and Wilber Vern Schweitzer (09 January 1913 DeKalb County), Martha Elizabeth Schweitzer (b. 22 February 1916).

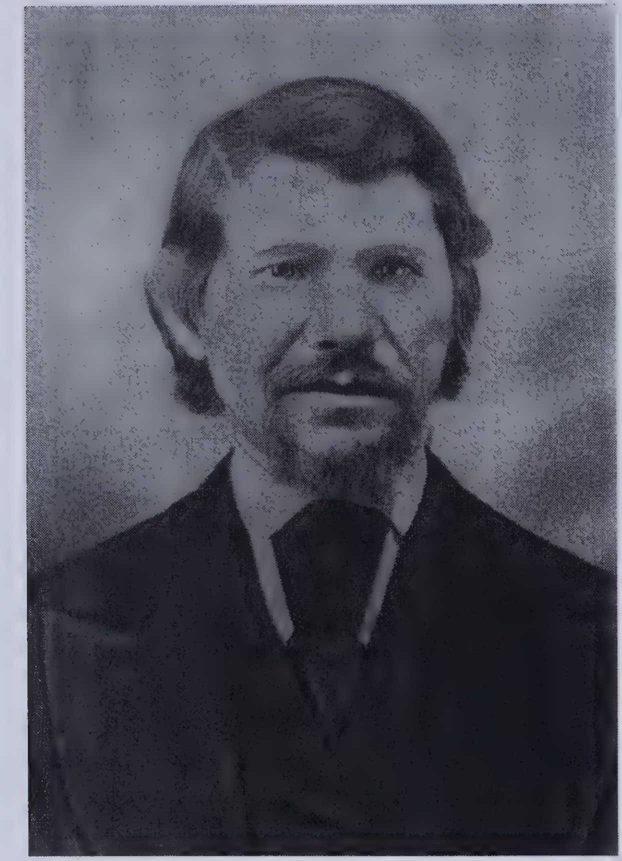
George died 28 August 1951 in Allen County and is buried in Circle Cemetery, Hudson, Steuben County, Indiana. Nora died 08 March 1949 in Auburn and also is buried in the Circle Cemetery.

Submitted by Rita Nichols

Gottlieb Schweitzer

Gottlieb was born 15 June 1828 in Nurtingen, Wertumberg, Germany. His father was Philipp Heinrich Schweitzer and his mother was Louisa Margareta Remppis. He was a farmer.

Gottlieb was married 15 September 1872 in DeKalb County to Elizabeth Catherine Metzger who was born 12 February 1848 in Lawrence County, Ohio. Her parents were John Jacob Metzger and Catherine Elizabeth Parr.



Gottlieb Schweitzer

Gottlieb and Elizabeth had five children: George Albert Schweitzer (b. 25 September 1874 DeKalb County), Sophia A. Schweitzer (b. 01 October 1876 DeKalb County, Indiana), Edwin Schweitzer (b. 31 March 1879 DeKalb County), Anna Schweitzer (b. 28 April 1881 DeKalb County), and a male child who died in infancy.

Gottlieb died 18 June 1889 in DeKalb County Indiana and is buried in Cedar Lake Cemetery, DeKalb County.

Elizabeth died 15 August 1921 in DeKalb County, Indiana and is buried in Cedar Lake Cemetery, DeKalb County.

Submitted by Rita K. Nichols

Louisa Margareta Remppis Schweitzer

Louisa Margareta Remppis was born 11 August 1804 in Nurtingen, Germany. Her parents were Heinrich Remppis and Eva Barbara Freisinger.

Louisa married Philipp Heinrich Schweitzer (b. 06 January 1796 Nurtingen, Germany) on 09 April 1826. His parents were George Adam Schweizer and Margareta Gebhardt.

They had seven children: Gottlieb Heinrich “Henry“ Schweitzer (b. 14 March 1827 Germany), Christian Gottlieb Schweizer (b. 15 January 1830), Louisa Christiana Schweizer (b. 13 January 1830 d. 01 May 1833 Nurtingen, Germany), Christian Schweizer (b. 23 October 1831 Nurtingen, Germany), Karl “Charles” Schweizer (b. 30 October 1833 Nurtingen, Germany), Christiane Friederike Schweizer (b. 23 June 1836 Nurtingen, Germany), and a son stillborn (d. 09 May 1840).

Louisa died 18 November 1876 in DeKalb County, Indiana. She is buried in Cedar Lake Cemetery with her son, Gottlieb Schweitzer.

The spelling for Schweitzer in Germany was Schweizer. When Louisa left Germany with her son Gottlieb, she was a widow. We have found no record of her husband, Philipp’s death or burial.

Submitted by Rita K. Nichols

Mary M. Schweitzer

Mary M. Schweitzer was born November of 1864/65. Her parents are Christian Schweitzer and Mary Goule (b. 18 August 1862, DeKalb County). Mary married second to William D. Richardson on 16 July 1912 in DeKalb County, Indiana.

Mary M. and John Frank McEntarfer had two children: Henry McEntarfer (b. 25 December 1884 Indiana), Edward McEntarfer (b. 04 September 1888 DeKalb County).

John Frank died 22 March 1907 in Steuben County and is buried in the Waterloo Cemetery.

Submitted by Rita K. Nichols

Rebah Virginia Sherman and Willard Ray Schweitzer On their wedding day, 26 November 1936.

Willard Ray Schweitzer

Willard Ray Schweitzer was born 15 September 1909 in DeKalb County. His parents are George Albert Schweitzer and Nora Adline Stomm. He was a farmer.

Willard married 26 November 1936 in Garrett, DeKalb County, to Rebah Virginia Sherman (b. 12 August 1916 DeKalb County). His parents are Charlie Eatna Sherman and Lydia Dell Haynes.

Their children are Rita Kay (b. 14 May 1941 DeKalb County) and Frances Gay (b. 22 March 1944 DeKalb County).

Willard died 16 December 1997 in Fort Wayne, Allen County, Indiana. He is buried in Circle Cemetery in Steuben County.

Submitted by Rita K. Nichols

Pictured: Arlene (Dux) Scoville and Charles Reign Scoville

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Charles Reign Scoville

Charles Reign Scoville was born 14 October 1869, in Stafford Township, DeKalb County, to William Henry and Mary (Dickerhoof) Scoville. His grandparents were DeKalb County pioneers, Edward and Lydia Ellen (Culp) Scoville. He married Arlene Cornelia Dux on 17 October 1906, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Dux of Chicago, Illinois.

Charles and Arlene adopted a child, Ruth. Ruth was born about 1915.

Charles Reign received a B.S. Degree in science from Tri-State College, Angola, in 1892. He received A.B. and A.M. Degrees from Hiram College, Hiram, Ohio in 1897 and 1898. Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa honored him with a L. L. D. degree in 1901.

Arlene spent a year at Columbia College, Columbia, Missouri. She had extensive voice and music training from private tutors, including L. A. Phelps of Chicago and John Dennis Mehan and Oscar Saenger of New York. She developed into an outstanding musician, handling the music for the Scoville campaigns. It was reported of her, by author J. H. O. Smith, that she never held her music in her hands when she sang. She never took music, with her to the platform. She could effectively sing 150 sacred solos and 75 concert numbers without music in her hands.

Charles Reign Scoville was one of the most talented and successful Christian evangelists during his lifetime. Billy Sunday, a famous evangelist, once said, "He was the most effective evangelist in America." He led some of the greatest single church meetings ever held in the United States. At a meeting of the First Christian Church, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, there were 1500 people who were converted to Christ. He held hundreds of huge tent revivals, and held revival meetings in nearly every Church of Christ or Christian church in the country. He also had two tabernacles, each with a seating capacity of 3,000, which were erected by crews of laborers—one for the first campaign and the other one for the campaign which followed. C. D. Hall, Dean of Texas Christian University, estimated that 200,000 were added to the Kingdom of God through his ministry. He made several trips around the world and attended church world conventions.

He and DeLoss Smith, his team pianist and song leader for many years, founded a publishing house in Chicago, in 1906, and printed several hymnals. He also wrote several songs which were published, including "Christ Is King."

The Scovilles owned a home in Sacramento, California, from 1906 to 1924. They also owned a home in Chicago for several years, probably during a five-year ministry with the Metropolitan Church of Christ located there. They were living in Chicago in 1930.

In 1932, they bought about 474 acres on Rock Candy Mountain, near Eureka Springs, Arkansas, with a large stone Bavarian-like castle on top of the mountain, which was built by a German. They renamed this place "Inspiration Point" and would go there for a place of retreat and inspiration. They erected a 1,000-seat auditorium there with perfect acoustics, which was used for Bible conferences for both adults and youth. Charles Reign also displayed many of his hunting trophies there, from trips to Africa, India, and Australia.

Even though he attained fame and success, he never forgot his modest upbringing. He always kept in touch with his parents and his sisters and other family members. He cherished his family home, which he bought after his parents' deaths. And when he had opportunity to return to his home in DeKalb County, he would enjoy visiting with old friends and family members, and would enjoy hunting in familiar wooded areas.

One of his slogans was "Don't preach *about* the Book—Preach the Book." The inscription on his white cross-shaped monument in the Evergreen Cemetery at Newville is "I have coined my whole soul into one master passion, its end the redemption of humanity."

Charles Reign died 23 January 1938, in Garden City, Kansas, of a heart attack. Arlene married Dr. William F. Rothenberger on 02 August 1943. William died in 1959. Both are buried in Crown Hill Cemetery.

Submitted by June Brown

Harriet Amelia Gee Sechler and James Sechler

James and Harriet Ameila (Gee) Sechler

James Sechler was born on 21 August 1845 in Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. He was the son of Levi and Maria (Kistler) Sechler. When he was about eight years old he traveled with his family to DeKalb County, Indiana. James married Harriet Amelia Gee on 26 August 1873.

Harriet was born 30 May 1853 in Newville Township in DeKalb County. She lived almost her entire life in DeKalb County.

James and Amelia lived on a farm near Orangeville, in Concord Township, Indiana. Eight children were born to them: Sara Frances b. 1875, Mary Elnora b. 1879, Blanche M. b. 1882 died as infant, William G. b. 1884, Harlow b. 1887, Roscoe L. b. 1889, Jacob Argil b. 1895, and Violet M. b. 1896 died as infant.

James worked as a boot maker and farmer. James and Harriet were first affiliated with the St. Joe Methodist and withdrawn from that church in 1893 and joined the Christian Church in Newville, Indiana. Family tradition relates that James had cancer of the eye and he had to have his eye removed. James died 11 July 1910 at his home.

Harriet lived alone for several years then in 1915 she went to live with her daughter Elnora Kinsey in St. Joe, Indiana. She continued to live there even after Elnora's second marriage to Clay Blue. Harriet died at her daughter's on 15 February 1944. She was 90 years of age. Funeral services were held at the Church of Christ in St. Joe. James and Harriet are buried in the Evergreen Cemetery in Newville, Indiana.

Submitted by Glenda Shull

Ruby Ruth Nicholas Wheeler Selby Family

Ruby Ruth Nicholas was born 10 February 1905 to William and Amanda (Friend)

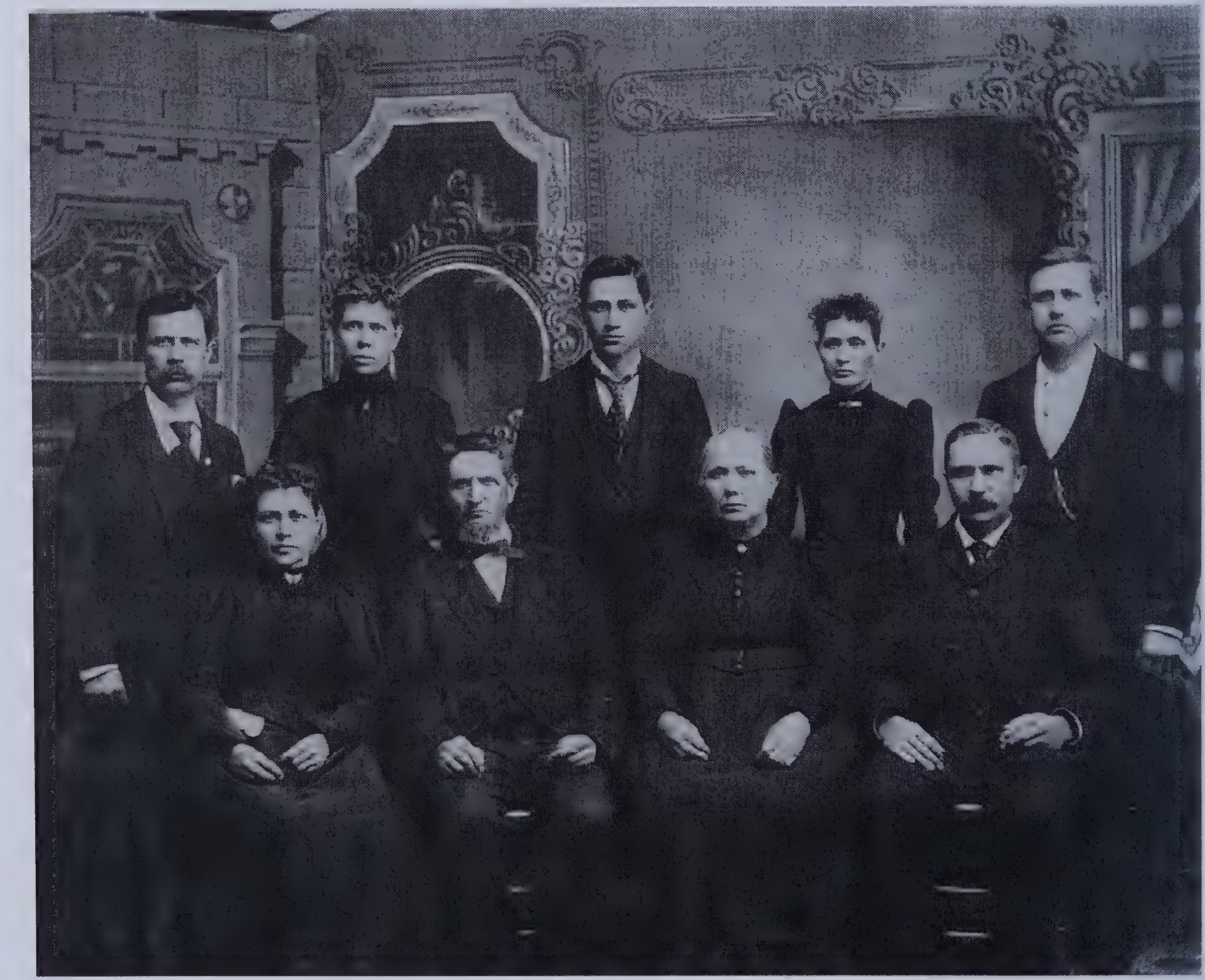
Nicholas. Her paternal grandparents were Salvin Garrett and Marietta (Beaird) Nicholas. Her maternal grandparents were Norris and Susanna (Deter) Friend. She had a brother, Forrest Nichols and three sisters: Iona, died three days after birth, Nellie (McConnell) and Faye (Bolinger).

She was married two times. The first marriage was to Frank Eston Wheeler, widower, on 30 August 1928. He had three children: Alice, Ethel, and Gretchen Wheeler. Her second marriage was to Roland Selby.

She had managed the Marshall Heights Motel at Marshall, Michigan, the Starlite Motel in Auburn, Indiana, and had worked as a practical nurse in Garrett, Indiana.

She was an active member of Lakewood Park Baptist Church. She died 11 March 2001 at the age 96 years. She is buried in Sixteen Cemetery in Richland Township.

Submitted by Susanna Johnson



Front l to r: Mary Ellen, Michael P. Seydel, Catherine Wittle Seydel, Joe
Back l to r: Andrew, Almira, Bert, Eliza, Sam

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Seydel Family

The children of Michael Pary Seydel and Catherine Wittle Seydel were: Andrew J. (1852-1923), Almira (1853-1922), Eliza (1855-1945), Mary Ellen (1858-1941), Joseph F. (1861-1943), Samuel A. (1864-1940), and Bert (1872-1952).

Andrew J. married Ida Dickinson. Almira married William Sheffer. Eliza never married. Mary Ellen married Jeremiah Walborn and had two daughters: Myra Ailene who married Walter George Gieb and Bina Beatrice who married Coy Dunkle. Joseph F. married Frances Dickinson, sister of Ida. Samuel A. married Elizabeth Rohm. Bert married twice but did not have any children.

Submitted by Karen Marks

Michael Pary Seydel

Michael Pary Seydel, son of Andrew Seydel and Mary Wandling was born 24 August 1827 in Stark County, Ohio. He married Catherine Wittle on 23 January 1851 in Crawford County, Ohio. She was born in 1834. They lived in DeKalb County, Indiana near the towns of Butler, Waterloo and Auburn. Michael farmed most of his life and retired from active life in 1908, moving in with his daughter Almira Sheffer. Michael and Catherine had seven children: Andrew J., Almira, Eliza, Mary Ellen, Joseph F., Samuel A., and Bert.

He died 24 November 1910 and is buried in Woodlawn Cemetery in Auburn, Indiana. Catherine died in November 1917 and is also buried in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Submitted by Karen Marks

Michael Pary Seydel and Catherine Wittle Seydel

Barton S. Sheffer and Evaline S. (Hadsell) Sheffer

Barton Starr Sheffer was born 08 June 1847 in Morrow County, Ohio, to Adam and Rachel (Starr) Sheffer. Adam Sheffer was a native of Maryland, and Rachel Starr a native of Pennsylvania. Adam and Rachel were married in 1839. They moved from Morrow County to Noble County, Indiana, in 1873. Barton's siblings were Dennis, Banner R., William, Sylvester S., and Mary Etta.

Barton Sheffer and Evaline Sophronia Hadsell were married in DeKalb County, Indiana, on 16 March 1876. Evaline (Eva) was born 17 December 1850 in Concord Township, DeKalb County. Eva's parents were James and Mary A. (Abel) Hadsell, pioneer settlers in Concord Township. Barton and Eva's children were Lina S. (b.1876, Cleveland, Ohio), Ray Hadsell (b. 1878, Antwerp, Ohio), and Otto Craig (b. 1885, DeKalb County).

Barton's profession was as a doctor of medicine. He read under a practicing physician, followed by his attendance at Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio. After graduating in the class of 1877, Barton practiced medicine in Antwerp, Ohio, and Kendallville, Indiana. In 1884 the family moved to St. Joe, where he opened his medical office. He also owned a drug store in the downtown area.

Barton and Eva were very involved in their community. He was a charter member of the St. Joe Knights of Pythias Lodge, was St. Joe town clerk in 1914, and a member of the DeKalb County Medical Society. He and his wife, Eva, were founding members of the St. Joe Church of Christ. For a few years Eva was a schoolteacher in DeKalb County, a charter member of Coburn's Corners Church, and a charter member of the Ladies Literary Club of St. Joe.

Barton died 05 January 1931, St. Joe, Indiana. Eva died 16 February 1937, St. Joe, Indiana. Both are buried at Alton Cemetery east of St. Joe, DeKalb County.

Submitted by Lina Zerkle

Charlie Eatna Sherman

Charlie Eatna Sherman was born 23 December 1869 in Noble County, Indiana. He was a carpenter for the B & O Railroad, Garrett. His parents were Christopher Andrew Sherman and Hannah Elizabeth Hinman.

Charlie married 12 December 1897 in DeKalb County to Lydia Dell Haynes (b. 19 March 1877 DeKalb County). Her parents were Egbert M. Haynes and Barbara Ann Eisenberg.

Charlie Eatna Sherman and Lydia Dell (Haines) Sherman

Charlie and Lydia had three children: Dorothy Venus Sherman (b. 18 August 1899 DeKalb County), Hazel Ruby Sherman (b. 16 May 1905 DeKalb County), Rebah Virginia Sherman (b. 12 August 1916 Garrett).

Lydia Dell Haynes Sherman married John T. Smith in January 1943 in Garrett. John was born 07 November 1873 in Putnam County, Ohio and died 09 September 1968 in DeKalb County and is buried in Fairfield Cemetery, DeKalb County, beside his first wife, Ada Dell Haynes.

Charlie died 22 December 1936 at his home in Garrett, DeKalb County. He is buried in the Christian Union Cemetery. Lydia died 04 November 1952 in Garrett and is buried in the Christian Union Cemetery.

Submitted by Rita K. Nichols

Christopher Andrew Sherman

Christopher Andrew Sherman was born 09 December 1834 in Kirkland County. He died 20 December 1914 in DeKalb County and is buried in Christian Union Cemetery. His parents were Samuel Benjamin Sherman and Eunice Edic.

Christopher was married 28 July 1860 in DeKalb County to Hannah Elizabeth Hinman (b. 21 March 1843 Summit County). Hannah Elizabeth died 29 June 1935 in DeKalb County and is buried in Christian Union Cemetery. Her parents were Harvey and Elizabeth Haynes.

Christopher Andrew and Hannah Elizabeth had six children: Edwin Albertus (b. 10 March 1861 DeKalb County), Elmer Elsworth (b. 02 November 1862 DeKalb County), Melinda Jane (07 September 1865), Annie Irene (b. 30 September 1867 Noble County), Charlie Eatna (b. 23 December 1869 Noble County), Sylvia Myrtle (b. 16 May 1883).

Submitted by Rita K. Nichols

Christopher Andrew Sherman

Dorothy Venus Sherman

Dorothy Venus Sherman was born 18 August 1899 in DeKalb County. Her parents are Charlie Eatna Sherman and Lydia Dell Haynes.

Dorothy married first to Roy David Hart on 27 February 1921. Roy was born on 17 March 1896 in Noble County. Her second marriage was to William Jessie Kitchen (b. 03 July 1887) on January 1955.

Two children were born to Dorothy and Roy: Dale Denver Hart (b. 19 November 1921 DeKalb County) and Harley Homer

Hart (b. 25 August 1925 in DeKalb County).

Dorothy died 06 May 1987 in California and is buried in Rose Hill Cemetery, Whittier California. Roy died 27 October 1951 possibly in Noble County and is buried at Embry Cemetery in DeKalb County. William died 11 May 1962 in California and is buried at Rose Hill Cemetery, Whittier, California.

Submitted by Rita K. Nichols

Dorothy Venus (Sherman) and Roy David Hart. They were married 27 February 1921.

Hazel (Sherman) Smith and Kay Bryant Smith.

Garrett, Indiana.

Hazel Ruby Sherman

Hazel Ruby Sherman was born 16 May 1905 in DeKalb County, Indiana. Her parents were Charlie Eatna Sherman and Lydia Dell Haynes. She was a Practical Nurse.

She was married 02 October 1924 to her first husband, Kay Bryant Smith (b. 30 January 1885 Hillsdale County, Michigan. He was an engineer on the B & O Railroad.

She was married 19 May 1947 to her second husband, D. Monroe Reynolds (b. 28 August 1877 Georgetown, Illinois). His father was William P. Reynolds. His mother's first name was Angeline. He was a Medical Doctor.

She married for the third time 01 July 1967 to George Playter (b. 08 July 1917).

Hazel's children are: Darwin Eatna Smith (b. 16 April 1926 DeKalb County) and Wilma Loyola Smith (b. 24 May 1927 DeKalb County).

Kay Bryant Smith died 28 January 1941 at Willard Ohio and is buried at Hillsdale, Michigan with his first wife, Daisy Viola Swank. D. Monroe Reynolds died 05 October 1957 in DeKalb County and is buried at Christian Union Cemetery, DeKalb County. Hazel Ruby died 25 July 1986 in Phoenix Arizona and is buried at Sedona, Arizona. She was cremated.

Submitted by Rita K. Nichols

Samuel Benjamin Sherman

Samuel Benjamin Sherman was born 01 July 1804 in New York State. His father was William Sherman. His mother's last name was Briggs. Samuel was a farmer.

Samuel was married in 1825 in Deerfield, Oneida County, New York to Eunice Edic (b. 11 February 1806 Deerfield, Oneida County, New York). Her parents were George Edic and Rebeccah Smith.

Samuel and Eunice had eight children: Maurenci Manford Sherman (b. 28 November 1828 New York State), Henry George Sherman (b. 15 December 1830-31 New York State), William Washington Sherman (b. 08 January 1833 New York State), Christopher Andrew Sherman (b. 09 December 1834 Ohio), Sarah Elizabeth Sherman (b. 22 March 1838 Ohio), Janetta Sherman (b. 13 June 1845 Ohio), Olive Rebeccah Sherman (b. 13 November 1846-47 Ohio).

Samuel died 10 November 1862 DeKalb County, Indiana and was buried in Sixteen Cemetery, DeKalb County. It is told that Samuel Benjamin Sherman died as a result of injuries received when kicked by a horse.

Eunice died 10 March 1902 in Juniata, Tuscola County, Michigan and is buried in an unknown location in Michigan.

Submitted by Rita K. Nichols

Frank Thornton Shoemaker and Cora May Stringfellow

Wedding picture - 08 January 1894

Frank Thornton Shoemaker

Frank Thornton Shoemaker was born 05 March 1877 in Waterloo, Indiana, to Harriet Cordelia (Miser) and Henry Thomas Shoemaker. He married 08 January 1894 in Auburn, to Cora May Stringfellow who was born on 27 November 1875 in Wooster, Ohio, to Barbara Ann (Hile) and Rev. John Wesley Stringfellow.

Two children were born to this union, Bertie was born 13 February 1895 in Auburn, died 20 December 1895. Thelma was born 22 November 1898 in Auburn and died 22 January 1901.

Both children are buried at Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn, by their parents. Thelma fell into a wash boiler full of nearly boiling water and the scald was fatal to the little one. Frank lost his wife 19 April 1931, who died in Goshen, Indiana, with a heart attack. Frank felt so bad from losing his two children and wife, he never married again.

Frank loved to hunt and fish and would go on hunting trips to northern Michigan with his nephew Lester Winslow and niece Harriet (Winslow) Kellicut and husband Lionel Kellicut of Quincy, Michigan.

Frank was a retired cigar maker and died of a heart attack 18 January 1952 in Goshen. He and his wife and two children are all buried in Woodlawn Cemetery in Auburn.

Submitted by Irene Olney

Picture: Around 1894
Henry and Harriet Shoemaker family
L to R Back: Nellie Venezuela, Frank Thornton and Nora Belle
Front: Harriet Cordelia Meser/Meiser, Harriet Goldie and Henry Thomas Shoemaker.

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Henry Thomas Shoemaker

Henry Thomas Shoemaker was born north of Waterloo, Indiana, 07 August 1853. He was born the son of David Alexander Shoemaker and Pheobe Smith. David was born 05 September 1827 in Stoyestown, Pennsylvania and died 07 January 1891 in Waterloo and is buried in Waterloo Cemetery. His mother Pheobe died 21 August 1853.

He was united in Christian marriage 25 December 1873 to Harriet Cordelia Miser.

Harriet Cordelia Miser was born 08 November 1853 in Williams County, Ohio, to Jacob Miser & Rebecca (Kent) Miser. Four children were born to Henry and Harriet: Nellie Venezuela, Frank Thornton, Nora Belle and Harriet Goldie.

Nellie Venezuela Shoemaker was born 07 July 1875 and married Justus Adonis Winslow 27 April 1899.

Frank Thornton Shoemaker was born 05 March 1877 and married Cora May Stringfellow on 08 January 1894.

Nora Belle Shoemaker was 16 January 1879 and married Frederick Hipp on 04 July 1900.

Harriet Goldie Shoemaker was born 05 September 1889 and married James Stringfellow on 19 November 1905.

Our subject, Henry Thomas Shoemaker, moved to Auburn in 1883. He was employed by both the Kiblinger and Zimmerman Factories as a painter. He was a skilled workman and was held in high esteem by his employer and fellow workmen. He was in the employ of the Zimmerman Carriage Factory when he took sick. He was a loyal citizen, a good neighbor, a loving companion and an affectionate father.

Henry died 27 August 1897, Auburn. He is buried at Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn, Indiana. Harriet died 14 February 1900 and is buried at Woodlawn Cemetery in Auburn.

Submitted by Irene Olney

Nellie Venzuela Shoemaker

Nellie Venzuela Shoemaker was born 07 July 1875 in Waterloo, Indiana, to Harriet Cordelia (Miser) & Henry Thomas Shoemaker.

Nellie married Justus Adonis Winslow on 27 April 1899 in Auburn, Indiana.

Justus was born 28 September 1870, Union Township, DeKalb County, Indiana, to Cynthia Mary (Thomas) and Henry A. Winslow. Justus was a machinist & wood carver.

Three children were born to Justus and Nellie: Elmer H., Harriet Cynthia, Lester Justus.

Elmer H. was born 27 January 1900 and he died 27 May 1900.

Harriet Cynthia Winslow was born 25 December 1901 in Auburn and married Lionel D. Kellicut of Quincy, Michigan, on 25 December 1924 at her home in Union Township. Harriet died 30 March 1988 and is buried in Allen Cemetery, Allen, Hillsdale, Michigan, along with her husband who died 01 February 1991. Harriet graduated from the eighth grade from Carmer Country School, Union Township. We believe she attended high school for two years, and then she went to work at Globe Superior Garment Company, during 1923 and 1924.

Lester Justus Winslow was born 03 June 1904 in Auburn. He married Althea Ross 19 January 1931, which ended in a divorce on 13 January 1934. He then married Edith

Elizabeth Warstler on 31 March 1934 in Madison, Indiana. Lester died of a heart attack 15 September 1968 and is buried in Roselawn Cemetery of Auburn.

The Winslow home burned 25 March 1920, caused by a chimney fire and a new one was built, which still stands on County Road 35 east of Auburn. Elmer H. and his parents are all buried in Woodlawn Cemetery. Nellie died 25 December 1941 at their home and Justus died 19 December 1944 at their home.

Submitted by Irene (Kellicut) Olney

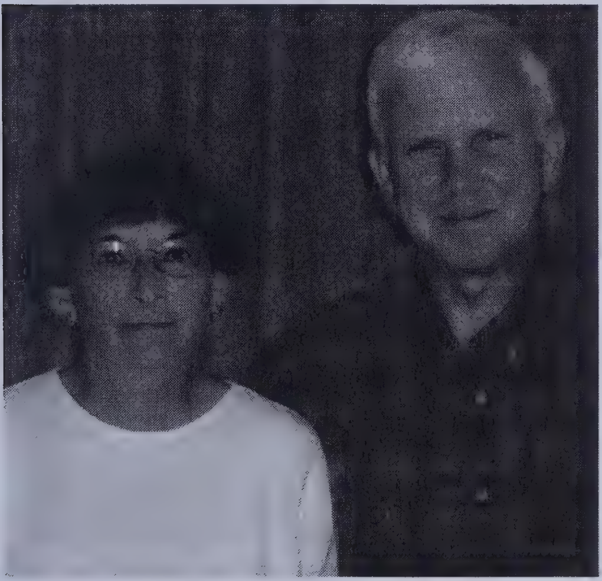
Justus Adonis Winslow
Lester Justus Winslow
Harriet Cynthia Winslow
Nellie Venzuela Shoemaker

Robert Earl and Glenda Sue (Sible) Shull

Robert Earl Shull was born on 31 December 1946, the son of John W. Shull and Elizabeth (Lannen) Shull of Detroit, Michigan.

When he was four years old, the family moved to Jerome, Illinois, where he lived with his parents, brother, John Thomas and grandparents John H. and Lillie (Ladd) Shull.

He attended West Grand School first through 5th grade, 6th grade at Butler Elementary, Franklin Jr. High and graduated from Springfield High School where he played percussion in the band. In 1964 he enrolled in Manchester College in North Manchester, Indiana. There he met Glenda Sible. Glenda was born on 06 November 1945 in the Garrett Hospital in Garrett, Indiana. One of three children of Francis and Marcia Sible, she was raised on a farm near St. Joe with her brothers Gary and Gene. She attended grade school in St. Joe and Spencerville. She attended Riverdale High School until it consolidated with Butler and graduated from Eastside High School in 1964. In the fall of 1964, she enrolled in Manchester College. Robert and Glenda were married in Petersime Chapel at Manchester College, North Manchester, Indiana, on 23 December 1967.



Glenda Sue (Sible) Shull and Robert Earl Shull

In May of 1968 Robert and Glenda graduated from Manchester College. Robert graduated with a B.S. degree in Sociology and Glenda graduated with a B.S. degree in Elementary Education. In 1968 Robert entered Alternative Service and served two years at the Fort Wayne Children's Home in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Glenda began teaching at Northwest Allen County Schools. Robert later received a Master's Degree from St. Francis College in Clinical Psychology and Glenda received a Master's Degree in Elementary Education from Indiana University.

The couple had three children. Jodi Lynn was born 18 April 1974. Justin Wallace was born 19 April 1977 and died as an infant. Wade William was born 26 May 1978.

The family made their home near St. Joe, Indiana, on a piece of land that was part of the Sible farm. Both Jodi and Wade attended school at Riverdale Elementary in St. Joe and graduated from Eastside High School. They each graduated from Purdue University. Jodi Lynn married Adam Jordan on 08 January 1994. They reside in Florida. They have one daughter Krista Marie born 13 May 2005. Adam is employed by Hanson Roof Tile and Jodi works for an insurance company. Wade married Theresa Decker 27 May 2000 and they are the parents of one son Quentin Robert born 17 April 2004. Wade is employed by Steel Dynamics in Butler and Theresa is an emergency room nurse in Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Robert is a service technician who has been employed by IBM, Kodak, and is currently working for Danka. Glenda is a teacher for DeKalb Eastern Community Schools. They are members of the Cedar Lake Church of the

Brethren near Corunna, Indiana. The couple's hobbies include family activities, music, and keeping horses.

Submitted Glenda Shull

Daniel E. Schurr, Jr. and Peggy Jean (Hefty) Schurr

Daniel E. Schurr, Jr. Family

Daniel E. Schurr, Jr. was born 29 January 1929 at Corunna, Indiana to Daniel Emil Schurr and Eloise Cecelia (Sliger) Schurr, both deceased and buried at Cedar Chapel Cemetery. He moved to Butler Township in DeKalb County with his parents in 1930. Daniel had one sister Carolyn Rose (Schurr) Thrush married to Jack Thrush of near Garrett.

His paternal grandparents were Andrew and Rosetta (Liens) Schurr both born in Wurttemberg, Germany and lived on a farm south of Corunna, Indiana. His grandfather became a United States Citizen at the age of 74. Both are buried in Sixteen Cemetery.

His maternal grandparents were Ezra Adam Sliger and Lillie Carolyn (Waugh) Sliger. They are buried at Blue River Cemetery, north of Columbia City, Indiana. Maternal great grandparents were Nickolas Pumphrey Sliger and Malissa Jane (Egolf) Sliger.

Daniel married Peggy Jean (Hefty) Schurr 24 January 1948 in Garrett, Indiana, at the Zion Lutheran Church. Peggy was born 18 July 1930 to Kenneth Milton (Joe) Hefty and Mildred Mary (Surface) Hefty. Both are buried at Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn, Indiana. Maternal grandparents were John William and Rosalind Esther (Kistler) Surface, buried at Cedar Chapel Cemetery. Maternal great grandparents were Steve and Ellen (Cornell) Surface and Michael and Esther (Van Dusan) Kistler. All are buried at Cedar Chapel Cemetery.

Her paternal grandparents were Fred and Bertha (Melton) Hefty buried at Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn, Indiana. Paternal great grandparents were John and Barbara (Crooks) Hefty and W. Frank and Susan Melton. They are buried at Spencerville Cemetery. Peggy had one brother William (Bill) Burton Hefty. He was married to Rozanne Pappert. They had seven children. He passed on 12 May 2004.

Daniel E. Schurr, Jr. built many homes in Allen and DeKalb Counties, farmed 160 acres and retired from (Navistar) International Harvester with 30 years, in 1983. Peggy was a homemaker and helped on the family farm with the dairy and construction. Their three daughters are Rebecca Jo (Schurr) Cauffman born 21 July 1948, married to Jerry Cauffman. She graduated from Garrett High School (1966) attended Indiana University, retired from Navistar and is living in Kingsland, Texas. Nancy Sue (Shurr) Schmidt born 25 February 1951, married to Roger Schmidt. She graduated from Garrett High School (1969) and has a Bachelor's and Master's degree from Indiana University.

Nancy and Roger have two sons Daniel Clarence and Douglas D. and all reside in North Carolina. Linda Jill (Schurr) Carunchia born 18 March 1959, married to Mark Carunchia. She graduated from Garrett High School (1977) and has a Bachelor's and Master's degree from Indiana University,. Linda works at the Avilla Post Office and Mark is 1st Sergeant in Investigations at the Fort Wayne State Police Post. Linda and Mark have two children, Katie Marie Carunchia born 04 July 1988 and Travis Daniel Carunchia born 17 January 1994. They reside just north of Garrett.

Daniel and Peggy spent many winters in Florida where Dan passed away 13 December 2000. He is buried at Cedar Chapel Cemetery.

Submitted by Peggy Schurr

Francis Burton and Marcia Elizabeth (Wade) Sible

Francis Burton Sible (Bill) was born in Allen County, Indiana, 17 April 1915 the son of William Burton and Clara (Barnhart) Sible.

Clara was a native of Pennsylvania born 14 October 1886 and William Burton was born in Ohio, 29 August 1876. The couple was married in Allen County, Indiana, and both died in St. Joe, Indiana. William Burton died 23 October 1939 and Clara died 07 April 1942.

Francis attended grade school in a one-roomed school in Eel River Township in Allen County and graduated from Eel River-Perry High School in Huntertown in 1933. In 1934 he moved to a farm northwest of St. Joe with his parents.

Marcia Elizabeth Wade was born in St. Joe, Indiana on 18 May 1922. She was the daughter of Albert Martin and MaDonna Harriet (Kinsey) Wade. The Wades moved to Detroit, Michigan where Marcia lived with her parents until 1933 when the family returned to the St. Joe area because of the depression. She graduated in 1940 from Concord Township High School in St. Joe. She was then employed by Magnavox in Fort Wayne. On 05 February 1942 Marcia was married to Francis Sible in Angola, Indiana.

Francis Burton and Marcia Elizabeth (Wade) Sible

After their marriage the couple moved in with Bill's mother at the Sible farm northwest of St. Joe and there they spent their entire married life.

Bill and Marcia had three children: Gary Burton married Sherri Davis, Glenda Sue married Robert E. Shull, and Gene Martin married Lisa Gaitskill.

Besides being a full time farmer, Bill sold tombstone monuments for Birkmier and later became a 25 year employee as a salesman for the Fort Wayne Newspapers. He belonged to the Knights of Pythias in St. Joe. Marcia was a member of the Concord Junior Home Demonstration Club, the Pythian Sisters, Bunco Club, and the DeKalb County Chorus.

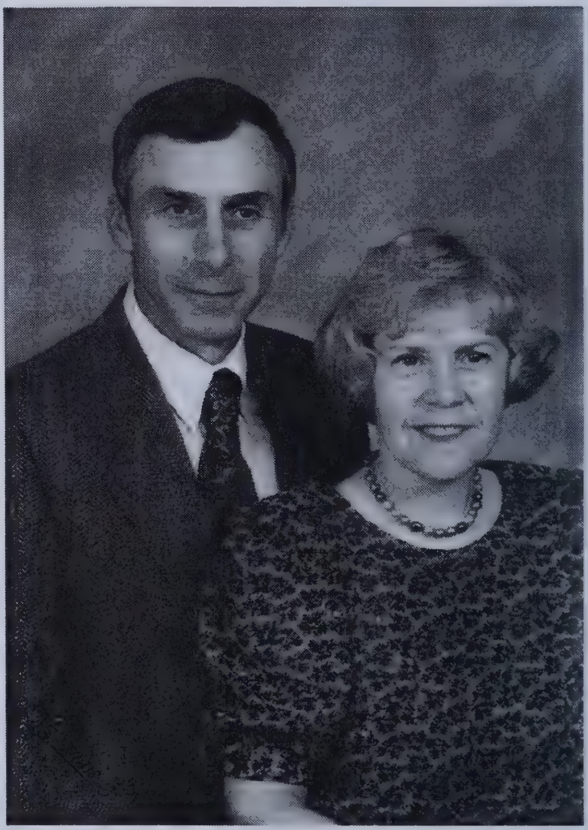
Bill and Marcia were active members of the St. Marks Lutheran Church in St. Joe. They raised ponies for 15 years and Bill built a stage coach, chariot, cart, and wagon which they used for fun around the farm and parades at local fairs. The couple enjoyed family activities, fishing in Canada, traveling, and in later years spent winters in Florida. Francis died 07 April 1981 in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Marcia continues to live on the family farm and winters in Florida.

Submitted by Glenda Shull

Gary Burton and Sherri Ann (Davis) Sible

Gary Burton Sible was born in DeKalb County, Indiana, on 02 October 1942, the son of Francis Burton and Marcia Elizabeth (Wade) Sible. Marcia and Francis married 05 February 1942 and lived in St. Joe, Indiana. Francis died 07 April 1981. Marcia still resides on the family farm. His brother is Gene Martin Sible and sister is Glenda Sue (Sible) Shull.

Gary attended St. Joe Elementary and graduated in 1960 from Riverdale High School. He graduated from Purdue University with a degree in animal sciences. He joined the USAF in 1965 and attained the position of being an instructor/evaluator while flying 140 combat missions over South East Asia on B-52 bombers. Sherri Ann Davis was born in Auburn, Indiana on 21 June 1947, daughter of T. Kelso and Margaret Esther (Henninger) Davis. They were owners of Davis Photography Studio in Auburn. Margaret still resides on the family home site since 1947 on County Road 427 south of Auburn. Her sisters are Diane Marie (Davis) Manon and Loraine Kay (Davis) Hartranft.



Gary Burton Sible and Sherri Ann Davis Sible

Sherri attended elementary and junior high school in Auburn, Indiana. She graduated from Auburn High School in 1965 and received a B. A. Degree from Adrian College and her Masters Degree in education from I.U.P.U. in Fort Wayne, Indiana. She taught third grade at McKenney-Harrison Elementary in 1969-1970. She married Gary Sible on 20 June 1970 in Auburn. The couple moved to Defiance, Ohio, for one year and then lived at Sherwood, Ohio, until 1975. From 1970-1975 Sherri taught at Anthony Wayne Elementary and Gary was employed by the Dinner Bell Meat Packing Company and the Huber-Dinner Bell Farm in Mark Center, Ohio. The couple returned to St. Joe and built a swine operation on County Road 55. Gary at present runs the hog farm, farms land, and works at Sechler's Pickles. Sherri taught second grade at McKenney-Harrison from 1975-2005. They are active members of the First United Methodist Church.

Submitted by Gary and Sherri Sible

The Gene Louis and Alice Marie (Myers) Simper Family

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Gene Louis Simper and Alice Marie Myers

Alice Marie Myers was born 16 August 1930 in Franklin Township, DeKalb County, Indiana, to Lester Quentin Myers (1901-1974) and Columbia Rose (Wing) Myers (1901-1977.)

Alice attended rural Franklin Township Grade School No. 2, Taylor's Corners and Franklin Center, graduating from Hamilton High School in 1948. In her youth she belonged to the Franklin Township Busy Bees 4-H Club and attended Epworth Forest Church Camp at Lake Webster through the Hamilton United Methodist Church. She loved horses and helped her dad make hay by driving the team and later driving the tractor. She went to Elkhart Business University 1948-1949 to be a Medical Secretary where she met Gene Louis Simper who was born in Osceola, Indiana, 17 February 1930 and died in Angola, Indiana 22 November 1988. He was buried in Hamilton Cemetery. They were married 09 February 1950 in Elkhart, Indiana. Gene's parents were Herbert E. and Edith (Andersen) Simper of Osceola, Indiana. Gene attended elementary school in Osceola, Indiana. His high school years, 1944-1948 were at Jamestown High School, Baugo Township, Elkhart County, where he was a sports stand out in basketball and as a pitcher in baseball, winning many trophies and accolades. After high school he also played basketball and was a baseball pitcher for many independent area teams, and was a softball pitcher for Elkhart Business University.

Alice's maternal grandparents' were John Sanford Wing and Claudie Mornington (McCoy) Wing, and her paternal grandparents' were Thomas Elsworth Myers and Minnie May (Lautzenhiser) Myers.

Alice and Gene had five children: Cheryl Ann – Angola, Indiana, born 29 July 1950 in South Bend Osteopathic Hospital, South Bend, Indiana. She married (1) Fred Orten 10 July 1971 and had one daughter, Diana Michelle, born 27 September 1972 (2) Steven Pingry 20 January 1979 and had one son, Brian James born 12 August 1980; James Allen – Hamilton, Indiana born 07 February 1952 in Elmhurst Hospital, Angola, Indiana. Amy Emerson and James had one son, Thomas James born 16 April 2003 and one daughter, Sarah Ruth, born 01 October 2004; Kenneth Eugene – Hamilton, Indiana, born 24 October 1953 in Elmhurst Hospital, Angola, Indiana. He married Barbara (Ventzke) Naus Keith 03 June 1978, her four children brought into the marriage – Michael, David, Brian and Laurie Naus; Debra Kay – Edon, Ohio, born 30 April 1955 in Elmhurst Hospital in Angola, Indiana. She married Patrick Berry 27 July 1974 and they had one son, Brent Allan, born 21 January 1978 and one daughter, April Lyn born 07 April 1980; Jonell Marie – Angola, Indiana, born 15 November 1956 in Elmhurst Hospital in Angola, Indiana. She married Gary F. Hartman, 12 September 1981 and they had one son, Tyler William born 18 September 1984 and one daughter, Ashley Marie, born 28 December 1988. Born to Gary from a previous marriage was one daughter, Amy Christine born 18 April 1974. Alice has fourteen great grandchildren.

Alice was a Hamilton Grange member for many years until it disbanded in 1996, is a member of the Hamilton United Methodist Church since 02 April 1944 and where she taught the Nursery Class for 21 years, was a Wing Family of America officer from 1982-1992, and has lived in the Hamilton area most of her life. She retired from Pittsfield of Indiana, Hamilton in 2001. Her interests are reading, cooking and gardening.

This autobiography is revised, corrected, and updated from page 575 of Volume 2.

Submitted by Alice Simper

Margaret N. Myers Skelly and David Alexander Skelly

David Alexander Skelly and Margaret N. Myers

David Alexander Skelly was born in Holmes County, Ohio 31 August 1857. He was the son of William McCormick and Sarah (Steel) Skelly. William was born in Pennsylvania 06 January 1827 and Sarah was born in Holmes County, Ohio in 1830. David's paternal grandparents were James and Catharine (McCormick) Skelly. His maternal grandparents were James and Martha (Orr) Steel. Margaret N. Myers was born in DeKalb County 01 January 1869. She was the daughter of Jacob and Barbara (Snyder) Myers. Jacob was born in Germany 25 January 1821 and Barbara was born in Pennsylvania 20 March 1826. Margaret's paternal grandparents were Fredrick and Barbara Myers.

David and Margaret were married in DeKalb County 16 December 1884. They were members of the Cedar Lake Christian Church and had three sons. Elmer was born 17 July 1885, Carl was born 16 July 1888 and Raymond was born 01 January 1891.

Dave was a farmer in Smithfield and Fairfield Townships, while Maggie was a homemaker. She provided food and housing for the men who built the Smithfield Center Schoolhouse. David died 23 July 1944 in his home and Margaret died 12 January 1946 in Auburn. They are buried at the Fairfield Cemetery.

Submitted by Harold Skelly

Harold Robert Skelly and Laurine Esther Pairan

Harold Robert Skelly was born 25 April 1927 in the brick house his great grandfather (Jacob Myers) built, located in Smithfield Township, DeKalb County, Indiana. Harold was the son of Raymond and Rebah (Reed) Skelly. Ray was born 01 January 1891 and Rebah was born 05 March 1892, both in DeKalb County. Harold's paternal grandparents were David and Margaret (Myers) Skelly. His maternal grandparents were William and Mary (Stahl) Reed.

Laurine Esther Pairan was also born in a brick house located in DeKalb County 06 February 1929, but in Fairfield Township. She was the daughter of Earnest and Daisy (Perkins) Pairan. Earnest was born 21 June 1894 and Daisy was born 23 October 1900, both in DeKalb County. Laurine's paternal grandparents were Adolph and Freada (Krueger) Pairan. Her maternal grandparents were Jacob William and Cora Alice (Reinoehl) Perkins.

Harold attended grade school at Ashley, while Laurine started grade school at the one room Custer School near Helmer and completed grades 4-8 at the consolidated Fairfield Center School. They both graduated from Ashley High School.

Harold and Laurine have been active members of the Pleasant Chapel Church of the Brethren, serving in various ways through the years. They were married at the church 01 January 1949.

Harold and Laurine had eight children, all born in DeKalb County. James David was born 18 February 1950 and married Carol Ann Parker 21 May 1977. Janet Elaine was born 16 April 1951 and married S. Dean Ramsey 04 September 1971. Amos Elmer was born 19 September 1952 and married Marjory Jane Knauss 24 March 1996. Marvin Lynn was born 28 June 1954 and married Julia Dawn Wood 22 May 1976. Marlene Joy was born 23 June 1955 and married Paul Ellis Thomas, Jr. 09 August 1975. Marlene died 12 April 1985 and is buried at the Fairfield Cemetery. Martha Luann was born 08 September 1956 and married Roger Ray Tubbs 10 July 1976. Darwin Leon was born 20 January 1959 and Linda Kay was born 10 August 1961.

Harold and Laurine enjoy their nine grandchildren: Jeremy David Skelly, Jaclyn Elaine Ramsey, Jacob Ryan Skelly, James Dean Ramsey, Rachel Ann (Skelly) Harrison, Benton Ray Tubbs, Adrianne Marie Thomas, Lisa Marie Tubbs and Tamara Joy Tubbs..

Harold has been a life time farmer and was a school bus driver for 51 years. He enjoys attending antique tractor shows and is a member of the Hart-Parr Oliver Collectors Association. Laurine is a homemaker and worked in the DeKalb Central School cafeterias for several years. She enjoys music, history, birds and yard work. Harold and Laurine's home for their entire married life has been on their Fairfield Township farm located at the intersection of County Roads 10 and 23.

Submitted by Harold Skelly

The Skelly Family

Front L to R: Darwin, Laurine (Pairan), Harold, Linda

The Marvin and Julia Skelly Family

Front L to R: Julia and Marvin Back: Rachel and Jacob "Jake"

Marvin Lynn Skelly and Julia Dawn Wood

Marvin Lynn Skelly was born 28 June 1954, the son of Harold and Laurine (Pairan) Skelly at the Sacred Heart Hospital in Garrett, Indiana. Harold was born 25 April 1927 in Smithfield Township and Laurine was born 06 February 1929 in Fairfield Township. Marvin's paternal grandparents were Ray and Rebah (Reed) Skelly. His maternal grandparents were Earnest and Daisy (Perkins) Pairan.

Marvin and Julie were married at the Pleasant Chapel Church of the Brethren 22 May 1976. They have been active members of the church, serving in various ways through the years. Julia Dawn Wood was born 20 July 1956, the daughter of Walter Eugene and Ruth Ellen (Bridgwater) Wood also at the Sacred Heart Hospital. Walt was born 09 October 1936 in Allen County, Indiana. Ruth was born 05 July 1937 in Macon County, Illinois. Julie's paternal grandparents were Walter and Genevia (Kintz) Wood. Her maternal grandparents were Gus and Faye (Bushway) Bridgwater.

Marvin and Julie had two children, both born at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne. Jacob Ryan was born 29 December 1978 and Rachel Ann was born 21 October 1980. Jake married Heather Anne Kukula 24 May 2003 in Hammond, Indiana. Rachel married Cortney Yale Harrison 10 July 2004 in Auburn, Indiana.

Marvin attended Fairfield Elementary School, Ashley Junior High School and graduated from DeKalb High School in 1972. He received a Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Science and Mathematics from Purdue University in 1976. He received a Master of Science degree in Business Administration from Indiana University in 1982. For over 28 years, Marv has held various positions in Information Technology in Fort Wayne. He has been a member of the Northern Indiana Church of the Brethren District Board and is currently a member of the Fairfield Township Advisory Board. He enjoys music, gardening and following Purdue sports.

Julie attended Leo Elementary School, McIntosh Junior High School and graduated from DeKalb High School in 1974. She fulfilled her dream of becoming a hairdresser in 1975. Julie is currently a paraprofessional at the Country Meadow Elementary School and is a member of the DAR John Houlton Chapter of DeKalb County. She enjoys singing, dancing and researching genealogy.

Submitted by Julie Skelly

Raymond Skelly and Rebah May Reed

Raymond Skelly was born 01 January 1891 in Smithfield Township, DeKalb County. He was the son of David and Margaret (Myers) Skelly. David was born in Holmes County, Ohio, 31 August 1857 and Margaret was born in DeKalb County, Indiana, 01 January 1869.

Raymond Skelly and Rebah May (Reed) Skelly

Ray's paternal grandparents were William and Sarah (Steel) Skelly. His maternal grandparents were Jacob and Barbara (Snyder) Myers.

Rebah May Reed was born 05 March 1892 in DeKalb County, Indiana. She was the daughter of William Anderson and Mary E. (Stahl) Reed. William was born in Ohio 21 April 1855 and Mary was born in Ohio 1857. Rebah's paternal grandparents were Henry and Susanna (Amstutz) Reed. Her maternal grandparents were J. Baltzer and Elizabeth (Rohm) Stahl.

Ray and Rebah were married in DeKalb County 11 May 1912. They had seven children, all born in the brick house built by Ray's grandfather, Jacob Myers, in Smithfield Township. Earl was born 21 October 1913 and married Arcille Smith 02 February 1935. Arcille died 05 February 1990 and is buried at the Fairfield Cemetery. Orla Elmer was stillborn 08 June 1917. Doris Marie was born 20 August 1919, and died 10 January 1939. Iris was born 01 June 1922 and married John Dale Thomas 15 June 1941. Dale died 14 May 1999 and is buried at the

Fairfield Cemetery. Harold Robert was born 25 April 1927 and married Laurine Pairan 01 January 1949. Harold's twin brother, Gerald Norbert, died at birth. Gladys Alberta was born 20 January 1932 and died 24 February 1936. Orla, Doris, Gerald and Gladys are all buried at the Fairfield Cemetery.

Ray and Rebah were members of the Pleasant Chapel Church of the Brethren. He was a life time farmer and she was a homemaker. Ray died 06 February 1962 at the Garrett Community Hospital and Rebah died 09 July 1977 at the Meadowhaven Nursing Center, Butler, Indiana. They are buried at the Fairfield Cemetery.

Submitted by Harold Skelly

Henry Slentz and Lydia Kugler

Henry Slentz was born in 1807 in Mount Pleasant, Pennsylvania, to Jacob and Mary Slentz. Jacob was born in 1758 in Hanover, Pennsylvania, and Mary was born in 1780 in Pennsylvania. Jacob was a drummer in the War of 1812. Henry's paternal grandparents were Philip Daniel Slentz b. 03 February 1733 in Lancaster, Pennsylvania and Bridgett Melon b. 1732 in Hanover, Pennsylvania. Jacob and Philip both served in the Pennsylvania militia during the Revolutionary War.

Henry was the second of twelve children of his father's second marriage. Jacob already had twelve children by his first marriage. The family moved to Columbiana County, Ohio. There he married Lydia Kugler 11 September 1828. They had eleven children. The first nine were born in Columbiana County, Ohio, and the last two were born in DeKalb County, Indiana.

Henry moved his family and settled in Franklin Township, DeKalb County, Indiana, on September 1848, on the now old Slentz Homestead of 160 acres. Henry's brothers, Michael and Abner, and sisters, Nancy who married John Solomon Baughman, and Eliza Louisa who married John Barnhart, also moved to DeKalb County around this time.

Henry and Lydia's children are as follows: Mary Slentz b. 12 August 1829, married Frederick Oberlin on 17 October 1850. Sarah Slentz, b. 31 January, 1831, married James C. Myers on 12 August 1851. Jacob Slentz b. 16 July 1833, married Harriett Pollard on 29 April 1860. Catherine Slentz b. 16 March 1835, married William Brown on 02 February 1854. John C. Slentz, b. 09 January 1839 married Emily Pollard on 19 April 1865. Margaret Slentz b. 1840 married John H. Smith 07 October 1859. Henry Slentz, Jr., b. 06 May 1843 married Mary Bontrager on 18 April 1861. George Slentz was born in 1846 and married Catherine Searfoss. Lydia Slentz was born 10 August 1847 and married John M. Ridge on 13 December 1868. Martha Slentz was born in DeKalb County on 06 May 1850, and married Samuel Oberlin on 10 October 1868. Rachel was born 28 March 1854, was never married, and was the last of the siblings to die on 21 July 1928.

Henry was a lifetime farmer and lived in Franklin Township the last 31 years of his life. He was proud that all four of his sons fought and survived the Civil War with Co. F of the 44th Indiana Volunteers, along with a couple of sons-in law. There are a lot of families in DeKalb County that can trace their family histories back to Henry and Lydia Slentz. Lydia died 12 October 1860, and was laid to rest in Hamilton Cemetery. Henry died of a heart attack after reportedly killing a snake on 19 March 1879. He was also laid to rest at Hamilton Cemetery by his wife Lydia and his mother Mary, who had moved to DeKalb County to be with Henry and his family in her latter years. Nine of Henry's eleven children and many of their families are also buried in Hamilton Cemetery, Hamilton, Indiana.

Submitted by Michael Slentz

Jacob Slentz and Harriett Pollard

Jacob Slentz and Harriett Pollard

Jacob Slentz was born 16 July 1833 in Columbiana County, Ohio. His parents were Henry Slentz and Lydia Kugler. He settled with his family in DeKalb County on September 1848. He married Harriett Pollard on 29 April 1960 in Hamilton, Steuben County, Indiana. Harriett's parents were John Pollard and Catherine Days. Harriett was born 01 March 1943 in Akron Ohio. Harriett's family had also moved to a farm in Franklin Township. Jacob enlisted as a private in Co. F 44th Indiana Volunteers on 03 October 1862. He was captured at Stone's River and spent two months at Libby prison in Virginia. He was released in exchange for Southern prisoners. He participated in the battles of Stones River, Chickamauga, Missionary Ridge, and several other engagements. He also served with brothers John C., Henry Jr. and George, and brother-in-laws John H. Smith and Samuel Oberlin. He was honorably discharged at Nashville, Tennessee on 14 September 1865. There is a copy of the diary the Jacob kept during his first year in the Civil War at the W. H. Willennar Genealogy Library in Auburn.

He then went back to farming in Franklin Township, where he and Harriett had twelve children, only six living to adulthood. They were as follows: Eunice born in 1866 married Joseph Walker Everetts on 04 September

1886; Adelaide (Allie) born in 1868 married Reuben C. Everetts on 17 April 1889; Arthur was born January 1870 and married Harriott Clark on 07 October 1893; Clara born in 1872, married James Neidic on 11 April 1891; Err was born 17 January 1874, and married Maud Lucinda Bell on 05 May 1901; Minnie Myrtle Slentz was born in 1881, never married, but lived until 1979.

Jacob and Harriett moved from the farm to a residence in Hamilton, Indiana, in 1903. He was a member and officer in the Grange. He never joined any church, but was an adherent and supporter of church work and interests. Jacob died at home early Friday morning, 31 May 1912. He was buried in Hamilton Cemetery. Harriett early in life confessed Jesus Christ as her personal savior, and upon moving to Hamilton, became an active member of the Hamilton Methodist Church. Harriett died at home on 15 March 1926. She was buried in Hamilton along side her husband Jacob of more than 50 years.

Submitted by Robert and Ann Slentz

Michael Lynn Slentz

Michael Lynn Slentz was born 18 May 1952 at Sacred Heart Hospital in Garrett, Indiana. His parents are Robert Dean Slentz and Anna Louise Bauman. His paternal grandparents were Russell Jacob Slentz and Violet Leason. His maternal grandparents were Burlen Bauman and Rose Elizabeth Roth.

He grew up on a farm helping his father and his grandfather Russell Slentz. He was active in 4-H and was a 10-year member. He graduated from Hamilton High School in 1970, and enrolled at Manchester College in North Manchester, Indiana. He graduated with a double major in Biology and Environmental Studies in 1974. While he was there, he met his wife Rebecca Sue Wentzel. She had graduated from Kewanna High School in Indiana in 1971. Her parents are Covert Wentzel and Romayne Smith.

Michael and Rebecca were married 17 August 1974 at the Butler United Methodist Church in Butler, Indiana, by Herschel McCord, minister. He did his Biology student teaching at Wabash High School in the fall of 1974.

Rebecca graduated with a B. S. in Elementary Education in 1975. They lived in Lagrange, Indiana, for one year before purchasing and moving to their present farm in November 1976 at 2194 State Road 1 Butler Indiana.

Their three children are as follows: John Russell Slentz born 29 December 1981 in Auburn, Indiana. John graduated from Hamilton High School in 2000, and with a B.S. degree in Chemical Engineering from Tri-State University in 2004. Rachel Elaine Slentz was born 11 November 1984 at Auburn, Indiana, as a 60th birthday present to her Grandpa Wentzel. She graduated from Hamilton High School in 2003, and is currently a Junior Nursing Student at Goshen College in Goshen, Indiana. Matthew Jacob Slentz was born 23 June 1988 in Auburn, Indiana. He is currently a junior at Hamilton High School.

Michael is an insurance agent with Short Associates Inc. in Fort Wayne, Indiana, and is a part time farmer with his father Robert Slentz. His hobbies include genealogy and raising sheep. He is a charter member of the DeKalb County Genealogical Society. He also has been active in the 4-H program as a leader and other duties. Rebecca has been an elementary teacher at Butler Elementary for almost 30 years. Her hobbies include reading and growing flowers.

Submitted by Michael Slentz

Robert Dean Slentz and Anna Bauman Slentz Family

Robert Dean Slentz and Anna Louise Bauman

Robert Dean Slentz born 20 August 1929, DeKalb County, son of Russell J. and Violet (Leason) Slentz of Butler, Indiana. His paternal grandparents are Err and Maude (Bell) Slentz, of Butler, Indiana. His maternal grandparents are John and Mildred (Hammond) Leason, of Hamilton, Indiana.

He married Anna Louise Bauman 29 July 1951 at Grabill Missionary Church, Allen County, Indiana. Anna was born 13 October 1932, Allen County, Indiana, daughter of Burlen and Rose E. (Roth) Bauman, of Spencerville, Indiana. Her paternal grandparents are George and Hattie (Smith) Bauman, of Allen County, Indiana. Her maternal grandparents are Simon and Anna (Zimmerman) Roth, of Grabill, Allen County, Indiana.

Robert graduated from Butler High School in 1948. Anna graduated from Leo High School in 1951.

Robert was a self-employed milk hauler for County Line Cheese and Schenkel's Dairy for over 40 years. He has also farmed his entire life. Anna worked in offices of General Electric in Fort Wayne and later was secretary of Butler United Methodist Church.

Other activities included: Farm Bureau members, Lions Club of Butler, Skirts and Shirts Square Dance Club of Auburn, and DeKalb Extension Homemakers Association.

To this union were born three children: Michael Lynn, born 18 May 1952; Diane Sue, born 17 July 1954; and Denice Marlene, born 31 May 1963.

Mr. and Mrs. Slentz have resided north of Butler on State Road 1 since their marriage. They now enjoy their six grandchildren and spend the winters in Harlingen, Texas.

Submitted Robert & Ann Slentz

Russell Jacob Slentz

Russell Jacob Slentz was born 05 March 1902 in Franklin Township, DeKalb County, Indiana, to Err Slentz and Maude Lucinda (Bell) Slentz. Russell married Violet Leason 13 September 1922 in Hillsdale, Michigan. Violet was born 03 September 1904 in Troy Township, DeKalb County, Indiana, to John Leason and Mildred Christina (Hammond).

To this union were born the following: Virginia Slentz was born 1923 in DeKalb County, Indiana, and died 1924 in DeKalb County, Indiana. Virginia is buried in Hamilton Cemetery, Steuben County. Raymond Edward Slentz was born 10 May 1925 in DeKalb County and died 15 July 1987 in Blytheville, Arkansas. Raymond is buried in the Waterloo Cemetery, DeKalb County. Blaine Allen Slentz was born 1926, in DeKalb County and died 1926 in DeKalb County. Blaine is buried in the Hamilton Cemetery. Herbert Lynn Slentz was born 17 May 1928 in DeKalb County and died 08 February 1987 in Butler. Herbert is buried in Lindenwood Cemetery, Allen County. Robert Dean Slentz was born 20 August 1929 in DeKalb County. Lois Jean Slentz was born 13 January 1932 in DeKalb County. Walter Eugene Slentz was born 05 December 1933 in DeKalb County. Elmer Duane Slentz was born 26 November 1936 in DeKalb County.

Russell was a full time farmer in Troy, Wilmington and Franklin Townships. He was a handy man and always found time to help neighbors with the machinery break-downs.

Violet was a full time mother and farmer's wife. She enjoyed belonging to the War Mothers Organization at the time that her sons were serving their country.

Russell died 29 October 1974 at home in Wilmington Township. Violet died 09 October 1963 in Wilmington after a bout with cancer. They are both buried in Hamilton Cemetery, Steuben County.

Submitted by Michael Slentz

Smith Family

There were twelve children born to Paul Clayton Smith and Blanche Ethel Smith.

This most recent picture was taken at a reunion celebrating the Smith family. It was held on 04 July 2002 at the Hardy Park in Hudson, Indiana.

The seventy family members in attendance were from six states including California, Arizona, Minnesota, Michigan, Indiana and Missouri. The ten brothers and sisters pictured on the next page are: Betty Cox, Beth Hoskins, Isabelle Kravik, Hilda Reinoehl, Pauline McBride, Gilbert Smith, Janet Tracey, Van Smith, Wayne Smith and Jean Knisely.

These ten brothers and sisters enjoyed 65 years together. Their sister, Pauline B. (Smith) McBride died 26 September 2003.

Two other children died early, Richard, who was stillborn, and Lloyd was born 30 November 1916, who died 28 August 1931. Their father, Paul Clayton Smith died 29 June 1968. This date was omitted from the first history.

This family farm home is where the Smith children and their father, Paul C. Smith, were raised. It is located south of Helmer.

Submitted by Hilda Reinoehl
and Judy Ditmars.

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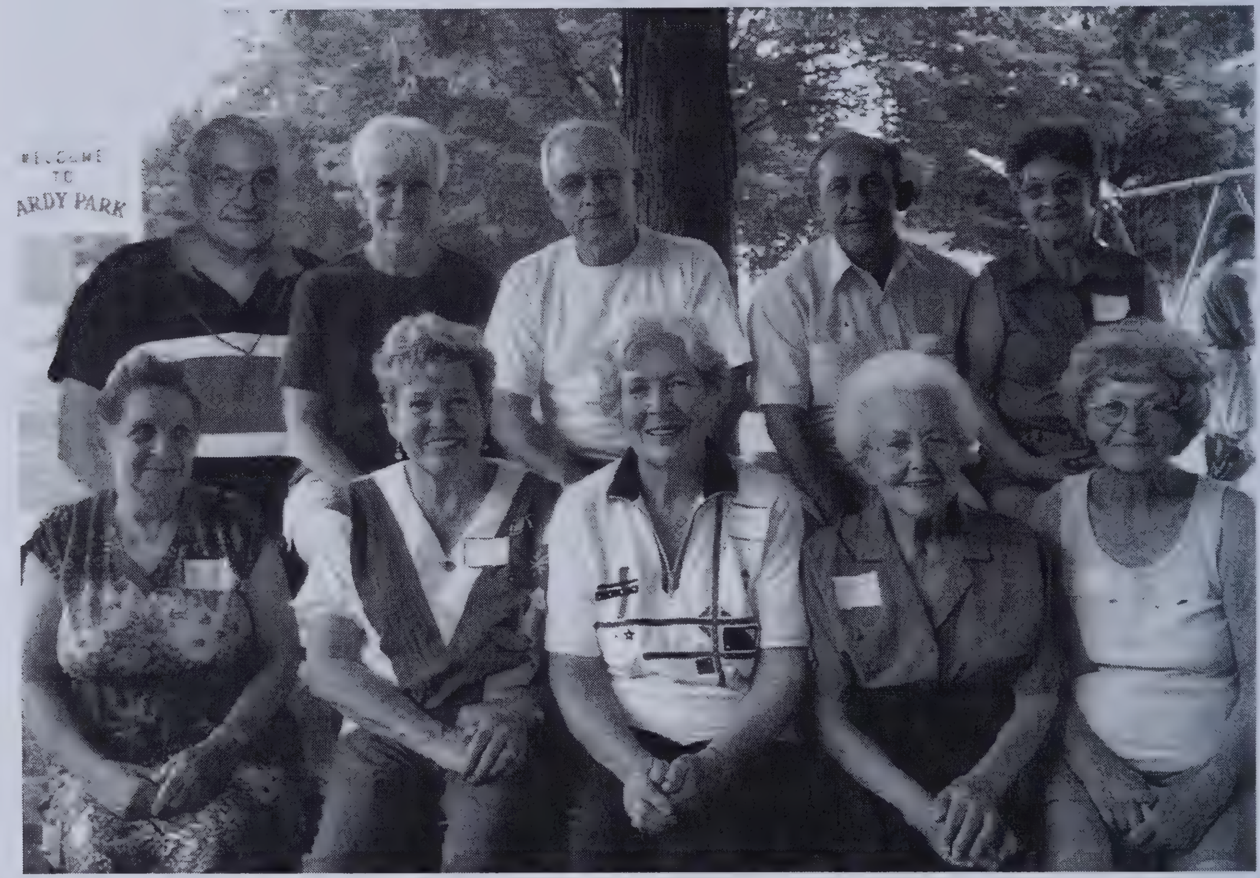


Paul Clayton Smith and Blanche Ethel Smith Family

front row, l to r: Betty Cox, Beth Hoskins, Isabelle Kravik, Hilda Reinoehl, Pauline McBride
back row, l to r: Gilbert Smith, Janet Tracey, Van Smith, Wayne Smith and Jean Knisely.

Conner James Thompson Smith, John Charles Thompson Smith, Jama Dawn Littlejohn Smith, Kailyn Thompson Jama Smith, Kendyl Jama Thompson Smith

Thom and Jama (Littlejohn) Smith Family.

John Charles Thompson "Thom" Smith was born at Auburn, Indiana, 14 June 1969 to John Martin Smith and Barbara Alice (Clark) Smith. Mr. Smith graduated from DeKalb High School in 1987. He then attended and graduated from Vincennes University in 1989 with an Associate of Science Degree in Aviation Flight Technology. He then graduated from Ball State University in 1992 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Entrepreneurship. After that, he earned a Doctor of Jurisprudence (summa cum laude) from Valparaiso University School of Law. He then joined his father in the practice of law as an attorney in 1998.

On 22 May 22 993, Thom and Jama Dawn Littlejohn were married. Jama is the daughter of James Forrest Littlejohn and Sheron Dawn Conner Littlejohn. Mrs. Smith was born at Auburn, Indiana 07 December 1969 and graduated from DeKalb High School in 1988. She then graduated from Oklahoma City University in 1992 with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Mass Communications (cum laude). In 1999, she graduated from Reppert School of Auctioneering and joined her father, James F. Littlejohn, in the family auction business.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith are the parents of three children: Conner James Thompson Smith born on 29 July 1998, at Fort Wayne, Indiana; Kendyl Jama Thompson Smith, born 27 September 2000 at Fort Wayne, Indiana; and Kaitlyn Thompson Jama Smith born 17 April 2002 at Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith now reside in Auburn, Indiana.

Submitted by Thom and
John Martin Smith

Carl Ray Smith

Carl Ray Smith, son of Martin Van Buren and Lucy Angeline (Hoffman) Smith, was born in Franklin Township, DeKalb County, Indiana, on 27 May 1882. He died 06 May 1961, and was buried at the Butler Cemetery.

Carl received an eighth grade education in a one room school house in DeKalb County, Indiana.

On 03 July 1904, he married Emma Viola Zirkle. Mrs. Smith was born 22 November 1881, and died 03 March 1955. She was a noted cook and seamstress. Emma Viola was a sister to Iona May Zirkle, wife of John Henry Smith, a brother of Carl Ray Smith. Her parents were John W. Zirkle and Sarah (Pence) Zirkle of Butler.

Carl was a Standard Oil Agent in Butler, Indiana. When he started work for this company, he made deliveries in a horse-drawn tank wagon.

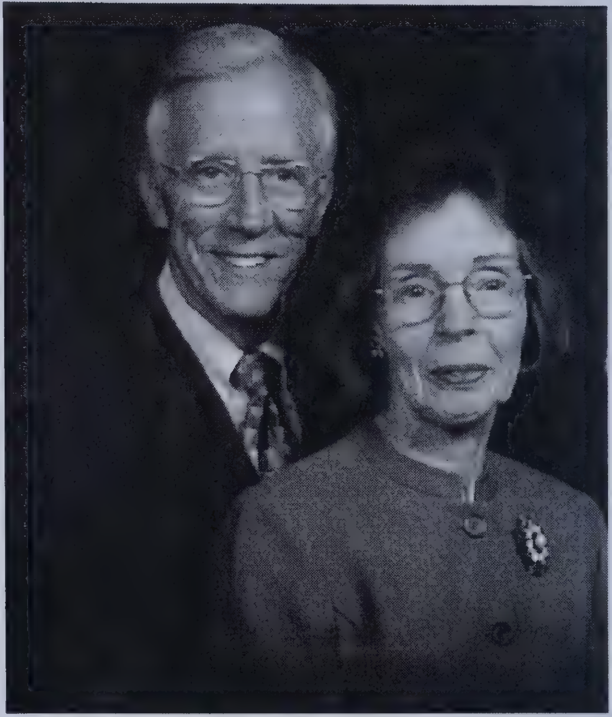
Mr. and Mrs. Smith were faithful members of the United Brethren Church. Mr. Smith served as trustee of that institution for some time.

On 28 August 1956, Mr. Smith married Ethel Blanche (Krontz) Hollinger. She was born 12 October 1894. Ethel B. Smith died in June 1973.

During his retired years, Mr. Smith was a substitute rural mail carrier for the United States Post Office.

The following children were born to Carl and Emma Viola Smith: Herman Berwick, born DeKalb County, Indiana, 24 July 1907, died Butler, Indiana, 28 December 1908; Kathryn Lucille, born DeKalb County, Indiana, 06 February 1909, married William Edward Miller, Butler, Indiana, 24 June 1934; Marja Marcelle, born DeKalb County, Indiana, 03 December 1910, married Wayne Carlton Voss, Butler, Indiana, 25 November 1937; and Walter Melvin, born DeKalb County, Indiana, 25 June 1913, married Kathleen Ruth Creager, Butler, Indiana, 22 August 1937.

Submitted by John Martin Smith



Donald and Gretel (Heinzerling) Smith

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Donald Eugene Smith and Gretel (Heinzerling) Smith

Donald Eugene Smith, was born 08 January 1931, Henry County, Indiana, son of Howard Henry Smith and Helen Irene (Sharp) Smith. Paternal grandparents were John A. and Bertha E. (VanScyoc) Smith of Henry County and Robert K. and Lula I. (Bitner) Sharp of Henry County. Paternal great grandparents were Henry C. and Almira (Rutherford) Smith of Rush County, Indiana, and Abel and Sarah J. (Neugent) VanScyoc of Shelby County, Indiana.

Maternal great grandparents were Alfred C. and Mary E. F. (Whitton) Sharp of Scott County, Kentucky, and John J. and Permelia G. (McBride) Bitner of Rush County.

Don is the oldest of three children. The others are a brother, Wm. Robert Smith and a half brother, John W. Hougland. Robert's first wife Margaret is deceased. They had no children. He and his second wife, Linda, have no children. Linda does have a daughter, Rhonda, from an earlier marriage. John's father Ira Hougland was stepfather to Don and Bob. John and wife Sylvia had four children. They are: David, Diane, Paul, and Mark. John died in 1991 of acute bronchitis.

Don married Gretel Heinzerling 28 December 1954 in Pendleton, Indiana. Gretel, born 02 March 1932 in Garrett, Indiana, is the daughter of Harry DeKalb and Thais H. (Hamilton) Heinzerling. Paternal grandparents were Carl H. and Pluma (Connelly) Heinzerling of Garrett and C. Blaine and Margaret M. (Hachet) Hamilton of Garrett. Paternal great grand parents were John and Emma (Strouse) Connelly and John Geo. and Anna Catharine (Hof) Heinzerling. Maternal great grandparents were Simon E. and Harriet (Corfman) Hamilton of Wood County, Ohio, and Pierre and Isabelle (Aitken) Hachet, who emigrated from Stolberg, France, area and Southwick, England, to settle in Fostoria, Ohio.

Don grew up in Henry County and graduated from Knightstown High School in 1949. Out of high school, he worked 15 months for F. W. Woolworth Company in its store management-training program. In September 1950 he enrolled as a student at Wabash College, Crawfordsville. He was a member of the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity, and received his bachelor's degree in 1954. He served his Korean War military duty from 1951 to 1956, with three years in U.S. 5th Army active reserve and two years active duty in U.S. Air Force.

Gretel was the oldest of six children. A sister, Katrina and husband R. Gene Custer are parents of Cathy, Cindy, Carrie, Carl, Chad, Clara, and Celia. Another sister is Johanna, married to William Byanski. Her children are Jenny, Kirk, Kris, and Kyle, whose father, Kent Gordon, is deceased. Gretel's first brother, C. Hans Heinzerling is deceased. Her second brother H. Derek (married to Anna Constantz) has three sons, Jonas, Aidan, and Pieter. The youngest brother, Franz D., has one daughter, Avery.

Gretel attended Garrett city schools, and graduated from high school in 1950. While in school she, occasionally helped her grandfather and father at the Heinzerling Hardware, and then worked as a switchboard operator for the Garrett Telephone Company. Her college years were spent at DePauw University, where she was a member of Delta Gamma Sorority. In 1954, she graduated with a degree in zoology. While Don was in the Air Force, she remained at DePauw and received her M.A. in physiology in 1955.

After her graduation, Gretel joined Don in Phoenix, Arizona, where he was based in pilot training. Gretel found work as a medical records transcriber at St. Joseph Hospital. From there, Don was transferred to Bakalar Air Force base, Columbus, Indiana. During this stay, Gretel was a computer file clerk at Cummins Engine Company

Upon a 1956 discharge from the Air Force, Don became advertising manager, sports and features writer of the Garrett Clipper newspaper for the next seven years. In 1963, he accepted the position of industrial sales engineer at Electric Motors and Specialties, Inc. At that time the company's main office and manufacturing of electric motors were in Garrett, Fort Wayne, and Tennessee. In his 32 years with the company, Don held additional positions of sales manager, vice president of sales and marketing, 1st vice president of the company, and member of the board of directors.

Don is an aviation enthusiast. He learned to fly in the Air Force. After discharge, he became a civilian flight instructor for nine years. More than 80 of his students successfully completed their training for licenses as private pilots, commercial pilots, and instrument pilots and as instructor pilots. An active pilot for 47 years, most of his flights were business related. He served 18 years as a DeKalb County Aviation Board Commissioner, serving 12 years as Board president. He is now a consultant for the Aviation Board.

Since 1982, Don has served on the Garrett State Bank board of directors and is secretary of GSB Financial Corp. holding company. Other current activities include Director and Vice President of Clark-Morrill Foundation, Board Member of Midwest Wheelchair Sports Foundation, Governor Fort Wayne Chapter Quiet Birdmen, Treasurer Lamplighters Dance Club, Secretary Garrett Community Tennis Association. Historically, he has in the past served as President Garrett Lions Club, Secretary Garrett Chamber of Commerce, Charter President of the Garrett Jaycees circa 1958, and as School Board Member for Garrett-Keyser-Butler public schools.

An avid tennis player, Don has played once or twice a week for the last thirty years. For forty years Gretel and Don have enjoyed camping and driving across the U.S. They also enjoy ballroom dancing and have been members of Fort Wayne's Lamplighters dance club since 1973.

Gretel's interests are in conservation and preservation of natural resources and the tangible links to our history. She has been active in county environmental issues, especially the quality of its creeks and rivers, as well as supporting the recycling three R's. She was an organizing member of the DeKalb Chapter, Izaac Walton League of America, and belongs to several other environmental groups. Gretel and Don are members of the land trust, Acres, Inc., and belong to the Native Plant and Wildflower Society. She is also a member of four county historical and genealogical societies as well as several state and national associations, including Society of Indiana Pioneers and Palatines to America.

Don and Gretel have four children: S. Adrienne (Smith) Winkler, Howard E. Smith, Sarah L. Smith, and Emily C. Smith.

Submitted by Don and Gretel Smith

The Don and Gretel Smith Family

Don and Gretel Smith have four grown children, aged from 43 to 49. There are 10 grandchildren.

S. Adrienne (Smith) Winkler is the oldest, born in Columbus, Indiana. The other three children were born in Garrett, Indiana. Adrienne graduated from Garrett high school in 1974. She attended Manchester College, Indiana University, Fort Wayne Art School, and received her paralegal degree from San Antonio College. Adrienne married Miguel Garza, Jr., in 1976, and five children were born of this marriage: They are Miguel Garza III, 27, a student at University of California at Davis; Hosea Garza, 25, a teacher at a San Antonio middle school; Luke Garza, 23, a student at San Antonio College; Jeremiah Garza, 19, a student at Texas State University; Arielle Garza, a middle school student.

Adrienne is now married to David Winkler. They and daughter Arielle live at Canyon Lake, Texas.

Gretel Smith, Howard Smith, Emily Smith, Adrienne (Smith) Winkler, Sarah Smith, and Don Smith.

Howard E. is married to Colleen (Steck) Smith, and they have two children, Hadley Anna, 10, and Gregory Donald, 8. They reside at the town of Oakwood in Dayton, Ohio. Howard graduated from Garrett High School in 1976 and from DePauw University with honors in 1978. He received his Ph.D. in analytical chemistry from Cornell University in 1981. Dr. Smith is a scientist at Wright Patterson Air Force Research Laboratory Materials and Manufacturing Directorate near Dayton.

Sarah L. Smith graduated from Garrett High School in 1978. She attended Indiana University and graduated from DePauw University with honors. She has a degree in psychology and is a member the honorary scholastic fraternity, Phi Beta Kappa. She now resides in St. Paul, Minnesota, employed at the Red Cross blood distribution center. She also participates in home healthcare services.

Emily C. Smith is married to Nehad Hammad and they have three children: Haithem, 15; Nusayba, 14; Murjan, 11. The children are home schooled as well as private schooled. Emily graduated from high school in at Wayland Academy, Wisconsin. She was an SAT national semi-finalist. She attended Marquette University and the University of Wisconsin. Emily is active in teaching, civil rights, and educational forums in the Washington, D.C. area. The family resides in Annandale, Virginia.

Submitted by Don and Gretel Smith

Wanda Colleen Baker Smith and Edgar Arlin Smith

Edgar and Wanda Smith

Edgar Arlin Smith was born 30 June 1935 in DeKalb County to Worthington Ray and Goldie (Kristofferson) Smith. He graduated from the last class of St. Joe High School in St. Joe in May of 1953.

In the year 1956, Edgar met Wanda Colleen Baker. She was born to Leo L. and Bessie E. (Hagg) Baker in North Manchester, Indiana, 11 November 1937. Edgar and Wanda were married 11 May 1957 in the Methodist Church in Garrett by F. Hazen Sparks. They started their married life in Auburn. After the Auburn Rubber Company closed, Edgar worked at the Weatherhead Company in Fort Wayne in 1960 and also worked part time for Johnson Texaco in Auburn. He worked for Johnson Texaco for five years and then started working at the Dana Corporation in Fort Wayne June of 1965. He worked for Weatherhead eighteen years retiring in 1978 and for the Dana Corporation with 32 ½ years retiring in December 1997. Edgar and Wanda had forty five years together before he died 14 December 2002. He is buried in the Christian Union Cemetery north of Garrett, Indiana.

Wanda graduated from Garrett High School in May 1955 and worked at Lincoln Life Insurance Company in Fort Wayne from June 1955 until January 1958. After marriage in 1957, she was a mother and homemaker, became a member of the First Christian church (Disciples of Christ) in 1971 and is currently a deaconess in the church. She was a volunteer in a nursing home, performed physical therapy for three local children, and was an assistant Brownie leader for four years. Wanda became interested in genealogy after her father died in 1983, and started researching and finally publishing a Baker history in 1999. In March 2004, she started volunteering at the W. H. Willennar Genealogy Center Library in Auburn. Besides doing volunteer work, she was a care giver to members of her family.

Edgar and Wanda became the parents of Timothy Allen born 26 July 1958 at Sacred Heart Hospital in Garrett, Indiana, and Barry Jay born 14 January 1964 at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn, Indiana. Tim worked at Burgers IGA while in high school, and graduated from DeKalb High School in 1976. He went on to school at Ivy Tech in Fort Wayne and received an associate's degree in accounting. He worked at Lincoln Life Insurance Company, where he met his future wife Karen Annette Hasty, daughter of Dewey W. and Mary Joan (Grabner) Hasty born 14 November 1956 in Hammond, Indiana. He married Annette on 30 June 1979 in the St. Joseph United Methodist Church in Fort Wayne. Tim worked at Lincoln twenty six years and now is searching for a new career. Annette continues to work at Lincoln Life and they reside in Fort Wayne.

Tim and Annette became the parents of Jamie Lyn born 6 October 1982 in Fort Wayne. Jamie Lyn Smith married James Henry Black in the Huntertown United Methodist Church 26 July 2003. They make their home in the Indianapolis area.

Barry delivered newspapers, worked at Burgers IGA and Owens while in school. He graduated from DeKalb High School in 1982 and then attended Ivy Tech. He worked at the Auburn Foundry for fifteen years. It was through a co-worker that he met his wife, Sandra Kay McCreary. They married on 28 February 1997 at the Community Baptist Church Wolcottville, Indiana. Sandra was born to Ralph E. and Marilyn L. (Delimater) McCreary in Ann Arbor, Michigan on 26 February 1969.

They became the parents of Katlin Leigh-Anne born 25 October 1998 at DeKalb Memorial Hospital and Allyson Renee was born 15 March 2001 at DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Sandra works at Colwell-General in Kendallville and after fifteen years at the Auburn Foundry, Barry left and started driving a truck. At present, he drives for JAT in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Barry and his family reside in Auburn.

Submitted by Wanda Smith

Ira Eugene Smith

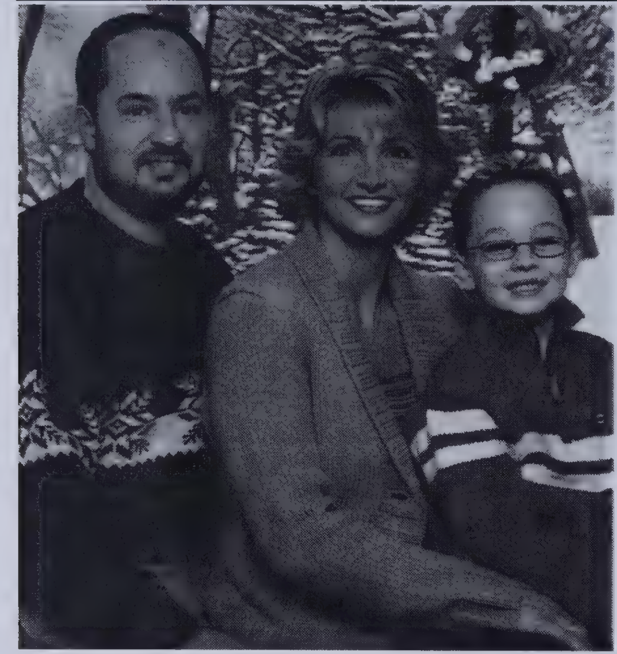
Ira Eugene Smith was born in Portage County, Ohio, 22 February 1852, the older of two sons to Levi and Harriett E Robb Smith, who were married in 1849. Levi was born in Mahoning County, Ohio, 22 February 1828, a son of Peter and Elizabeth Smith. Harriett Elizabeth was the daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth Robb. In the spring of 1854 the family moved to an 80-acre farm in Spencer Township in DeKalb County. Levi passed away on his farm September 1900, and Harriett April 1904. They are both buried in Scipio Cemetery, Allen County, Indiana. At his death Levi owned 320 acres of land and gave 160 acres to each of his two sons, Ira and Isaiah. Levi and Harriett were both Methodists and Levi was a Democrat.

Ira married Lois D. Moore 17 September 1876. She was born 17 April 1857 in Scipio Township, Allen County. She was the fifth of nine children to William A. and Dorliska Bracy Moore. William was born 08 November 1824, and Dorliska 18 April 1832, both in New York State. William was the son of Priam Moore and Lois Calkins. Dorliska was the daughter of Hiram Bracy and Bathsheba Bay. They were married and spent their lives as farmers in Scipio Township. They were members of the Methodist church and William was a Republican. William died 19 September 1896 and Dorliska died 17 May 1914, and both are buried in Scipio Cemetery.

Ira and Lois had three children, and they were all born in Spencer Township, DeKalb County. Harriott Dorliska was born 12 August 1877 and married George Bauman on 09 July 1899. Harriott died 24 April 1948 and is buried in Leo Cemetery along with her husband George. William Levi was born 22 April 1879 and married Clara Koch on 07 July 1901. William died 23 August 1935. Elmer Eugene was born 04 November 1880 and married Hallie Emma Squires. Elmer died 03 December 1970.

Ira was a democrat and wielded considerable influence in local politics. Ira died 07 March 1933, and Lois died 14 April 1939. They are both buried in Scipio Cemetery.

Submitted by Michael Slentz



John Carl Patrick Smith,
Mary Kuykendall Smith,
Caleb Patrick Smith

John Carl Patrick Smith and Mary Kuykendall

John Carl Patrick Smith was born at Auburn, Indiana, 14 December 1970 to John Martin Smith and Barbara Alice (Clark) Smith. Mr. Smith graduated from DeKalb High School in 1989 and from Northwood University with an Associate Degree in Automotive Marketing.

On 03 July 1995, he married Mary Kuykendall, daughter of Sue Marker and James Marker, at Las Vegas, Nevada. She was born 13 April 1971. Mrs. Smith graduated from Garrett High School in 1990. She then graduated from the Tri State School of Cosmetology.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith are the parents of a son, Caleb Patrick Smith born 28 August 1998 at Auburn, Indiana.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith own rental properties and are self-employed.

Submitted by John Martin Smith

John Martin Smith

John Martin Smith was born 17 August 1939, at Auburn, Indiana, to Walter Melvin Smith and Kathleen Ruth (Creager) Smith. The family lived in Butler during his youth and then moved to the Smith Family Farm on the south edge of Butler in 1950. He graduated from Butler High School in 1957, attended Purdue University for one year, and then graduated from Indiana University in Bloomington with a B.S. in Business in 1962. He was a member of Theta Chi Fraternity.

On 03 September 1960, he married Barbara "Bobbie" Alice Clark at the Ninth Street Christian Church, Logansport, Indiana. Mrs. Smith was born 13 July 1940, at Indianapolis, Indiana, to Charles Bosler Clark and Erma Dean (Shumaker) Clark of Mooresville (Morgan County), Indiana. Mrs. Smith graduated from Plainfield High School in 1958, and from Indiana University with a B.S. in Education in 1962. She was a member of Sigma Kappa Sorority.

Barbara "Bobbie" Alice Clark Smith and John Martin Smith

Mr. Smith graduated from the Indiana University School of Law in 1965, with a Doctor of Jurisprudence Degree (with distinction). He was a member of the Order of the Coif, scholastic honorary organization, and was a Note Editor of the *Indiana Law Journal*. He was admitted to the Indiana Bar on 29 September 1965, and began practicing law on 01 October, 1965, in offices shared with Edgar W. Atkinson at 110 West Eighth Street, Auburn. In 1972, he moved his offices to the northwest corner of Twelfth and Jackson Streets, Auburn. Charles L. Quinn, who later served as Judge of the DeKalb Superior Court; Stephen R. Carlson; Douglas J. Atz; Kevin P. Wallace, now Judge of the DeKalb Superior Court; and Mark T. Dykstra have been associated with Mr. Smith in the practice of law. His son, Thompson Smith, joined him in the practice of law in 1998. They now practice under the name of John Martin Smith and Thompson Smith, P.C.

Mr. Smith has been a member and served as officer of the following professional organizations:

DeKalb County Bar Association (1965-); Secretary (1966-1968); President (1969-1970);
Indiana Bar Association (1965-); Publications Committee (1979-1982)
American Bar Association (1965-)

Mr. Smith has been a member and served as officer of the following civic organizations:

Auburn Chamber of Commerce (1965-); President (1969-1970)
Auburn-Cord-Duesenberg Club, Inc. (1966-)
Auburn-Cord-Duesenberg Festival, Inc. (1965-); Board of Directors (1966-2004); Secretary (1966-1994); Assistant Secretary (1994-2002)
Auburn Automotive Heritage, Inc., d/b/a Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum (Life); Board of Directors (1973-1996); Secretary (1973); President (1974-1986); Chairperson of Collections Committee (1986-1993); Collections Committee (1986-2002); Building Committee (1986-1994); Long Range Planning Committee (1986-1994)
National Automotive & Truck Museum of the United States, Inc. (Life); Board of Directors (1988-); President (1988-2004)
Northeastern Center, Inc. (Board of Directors (1968-1980)

Mr. Smith has been a member and served as officer of the following historical organizations:

DeKalb County Historical Society (1965-); Board of Directors (1965-1998); President (1965-1967); Chairperson of Publications Committee (1966-1998)
Garrett Historical Society (1972-)
Fort Wayne-Allen County Historical Society (1968-)
Northeastern Indiana Historical Society (1966-1978)
American Association for State and Local History (1972-)
Indiana Historical Society (1960-)
DeKalb County Historian (1982-); Board of Trustees (1987-2002); Executive Committee (1993-1997); Committee For The Future (1992-2000); Chairperson of Committee for the Future (1993-2000); President (1995-1997); Executive Committee (2000-2001); Chairperson of Library Committee (2000-2002)
Kentucky Historical Society (1972-2000);
Ohio Historical Society (1972-2000);
Society of Automotive Historians (1972-)

Indiana Committee to Celebrate the Bicentennial of the Northwest Ordinance Of 1787 (1986-1989)
DeKalb Sesquicentennial, Inc. (1985-1992); Board of Directors (1985-1992); President (1985-1992)
Illinois Historical Society (1986-2000);
American Truck Historical Society (1994-); Regional Vice President for Indiana (2000-)
American Heritage Truck Chapter, American Truck Historical Society (1996-); President (2000-)
Steering Committee of DeKalb County Family History Project (2004-)

Mr. Smith has been a member and served as officer of the following historic preservation organizations:

National Trust of Historical Preservation (1975-)
Historic Landmarks Foundation of Indiana (1976-); Board of Directors (1982-1989)
Indiana Preservation Advocates, Inc. (1983-1989); Board of Directors (1983-1989); President (1983-1987)
Preservation Action, Inc. (1983-1986); Board of Directors (1983-1986)

Mr. Smith has been a member and served as officer of the following natural history organizations:

Acres, Inc. (1968-)
Cedar Creek Wildlife Project, Inc. (1970-); Board of Directors (1972-1980)

Mr. Smith has served in the following public offices:

Eckhart Public Library (Board of Trustees (1969-1982); President 1973-1982);
Auburn City Attorney (1976-1983);
Auburn Board of Public Works and Safety (1980-1982)
DeKalb County Visitors Bureau (1999-2002)

Mr. Smith has received the following honors:

Honorary Life Member, Auburn-Cord-Duesenberg Club (1990);
Certificate of Commendation for the Promotion and Preservation of the History of DeKalb County, American Association of State and Local History (1990);
1991 City of Auburn Nominee to National Leadership Forum Community Service sponsored by U.S. Congress and U.S. Conference of Mayors;
Grand Marshal-DeKalb County Free Fall Fair Grand Finale Parade-September 1991;
Recipient of 1994 Medal of Arts from City of Auburn Arts Commission;
Parade Marshal-1994 Auburn Cord Duesenberg Festival Parade;
Honorary Chairman & Keynote Speaker-First Annual Indianapolis Concours D'Elegance– 22 June 1997
Sagamore of the Wabash Award from Gov. Frank O'Bannon – 01 November 1997
Allen Graber Citizen of the Year Award in Recognition of Leadership, Vision, and Philanthropy from Auburn Chamber of Commerce– 20 November 1997
Congressional Johnny Appleseed Award from Representative Mark Souder, Member of Congress 03 June 1999
Friend of Automotive History Award-12 October 2001, Society of Automotive Historians. Awarded annually ". . . in recognition of outstanding Contributions to the field of automotive history."

Mr. Smith has served as DeKalb County Historian appointed by the Indiana Historical Society since 1982, and is the author of numerous historical articles and publications.

He is also the author or editor of several books and pamphlets:

DeKalb County 1837-1987 (1990); The Diary of Lewis W. Rude-DeKalb County, Indiana, for the Year 1864 (1979) (Editor)
An Illustrated Historical Guide to DeKalb County Courthouses and DeKalb County Government (1976)
An Illustrated Historical Guide to DeKalb County Government (1983)
Map of DeKalb County . . . 1863 (1986)
Pioneer Sketches. . . of DeKalb County. . . 1859 (1968)
Angola and Steuben County in Vintage Postcards (2001)
Kendallville and Noble County in Vintage Postcards (2001)
Allen County in Vintage Postcards (2001)
DeKalb County in Vintage Postcards (2001)
Auburn-The Classic City (2002)
History of the Municipal City of Auburn, Indiana 1900-2000 (2004)

Mr. Smith has several books in progress:

Historical Guide to DeKalb County Courthouses and DeKalb County Government, to be published in 2005
Waterloo 150-Sesquicentennial History of Waterloo to be published in 2006
West Union on the Wabash-Indiana's Pioneer Shaker Community.

Barbara (Clark) Smith taught Language Arts at the Martinsville Junior High School from 1962-1964, and taught English at Auburn High School 1965-1966. She worked part time as a legal secretary and bookkeeper in her husband's law office for several years. In 1976, Smith-Cornell, Inc. was established to manufacture and sell historic markers. Mrs. Smith was president and corporate manager of this manufacturing concern in Auburn. It was sold in 1991. She has been Business Manager of National Automotive and Truck Museum of the United States, Inc. (NATMUS) since 1994. She has also been active in sponsoring several civic projects and has supported organizations in the community through memberships. In Alpha Pi Chapter of Tri Kappa she co-founded the Tri Kappa Antique Show and helped establish the Tri Kappa Automotive Literature Collection which became part of the automotive archives at the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum. She is presently a member of the Tri Kappa Associate Chapter. She established the Decorator Showcase project of the Auburn Improvement Association. She is a Life member of both the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum and the National Automotive & Truck Museum. She was a member of Ladies Literary Club of Auburn and was secretary and board member of the DeKalb Central Music Association. She is also a member of John Houlton Chapter, D.A.R. Her Revolutionary War ancestor is David Thompson, a drummer boy with service from Connecticut. He is buried at New Carlisle, St. Joseph County, Indiana.

Mrs. Smith's maternal grandparents are Virgil Walter Shumaker and Dorothy Ireta Willis. Mrs. Shumaker later married Scoville Chowning at Mooresville, Indiana. Her paternal grandparents are Charles Augusta Clark of Friendswood (Camby), Indiana, and Frances (Fanny) Ringo Clark Hylton of Hazel Green, Kentucky. Following Mr. Clark's death, she married Dr. Allen J. Hylton of Mooresville, Indiana.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith are the parents of three sons: John Clark Creager Smith who was born 19 October 1964, at Bloomington, Indiana; John Charles Thompson Smith who was born 14 June 1969, at Auburn, Indiana, and John Carl Patrick Smith who was born 14 December 1970, at Auburn, Indiana. Mr. and Mrs. Smith have six grandchildren.

Submitted by John Martin Smith

Paul C. Smith home, south of Helmer.

Paul Clayton Smith and Blanche Ethel Lung Smith

Paul Clayton Smith was born 20 May 1891, on the farm his grandfather settled on in Fairfield Township, son of David Edward, born 19 December 1862 and died 05 April 1927 and Addelaide (Shade) Smith, born 28 July 1864, died 30 April 1958.

His paternal grandparents were Harrison Smith, born 23 October 1824 died 23 January 1902, son of Enos, born 09 January 1775 and died 10 October 1860 and Clarissa (Jones) Smith.

They settled in DeKalb County, Fairfield Township, in 1844. Harrison Smith married Elizabeth Rohrer 12 August 1852.

Blanche Ethel (Lung) Smith, born 05 January 1897, died 10 January 1980, daughter of Noah and Sarah (Hawk) Lung. Noah, born 21 December 1862, died 1948. Sarah, born 29 January 1864, died 1931.

Noah Lung owned a large farm in Fairfield Township and lived in Auburn for many years.

Blanche's paternal grandparents were (Samuel and Sarah (Showers) Lung. Her maternal grandparents were Adam and Nancy (Johnson) Hawk.

Paul and Blanche were farmers and lived on the Lung farm for several years. After the death of his father, he purchased the Smith farm and lived there until his retirement. They were both natives of DeKalb County and residents of Fairfield Township most of their lifetime.

Paul had one brother, Merl Smith, and three sisters: Martha Wuff, Mabel Smith and Vera Potts.

Blanche had four sisters, Mabel (Lung) Emme, Lulu (Lung) Mertz, Jennie (Lung)

Lower, and Edna Lung) Persing and one brother, Arthur Lung.

Paul and Blanche were the parents of twelve children.

Mrs. Howard (Pauline) McBride was born 07 May 1914, her children are Norman and Ross.

Lloyd Smith was born 30 November 1916, died 28 August 1931.

Mrs. Harold (Hilda) Reinoehl was born 20 May 1920 and her children are Max and Judith.

Mrs. Larry (Isabelle) Leas was born 02 December 1921and her children are Lauretta, Lauraine (deceased), John and Sue.

Richard Smith was stillborn.

Mrs, Betty Vernia Cox was born 03 March 1926 and her children are Steven, Valarie, and Vianna.

Mrs. William (Beth) Hoskins was born 24 January 1928 and her children are Janice and Jerry.

Mrs. Jean Knisely was born 03 November 1929 and her children are Vicki, Denny, Lesa and Alan.

Gilbert Smith was born 30 January 1932 and his children are Tina, Eve, Paul and Don.

Van Smith was born 16 October 1934 and had one child, Tony Smith.

Mrs, Janet Tracey was born 25 July 1937 and her children are Ricky, Greg (deceased), and Darrell.

Wayne Smith's children are Jeanne, Lynn, Randy and Cheryl.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith lived on the farm that his grandfather bought in 1844, when he and his father Enos Smith, born 09 January 1775, died 10 October 1860, moved to Fairfield Township. He owned one hundred seven acres.

All the Smiths were buried at the Fairfield Center Cemetery, Fairfield Township, DeKalb County, Indiana.

Years ago, they were called graveyards and a wooden marker was used. The marker deteriorated and it is no longer known where Enos was buried in Fairfield.

Information is from the 1987 DeKalb County Family History Book.

Submitted by Judy Ditmars

Walter Melvin Smith and Kathleen Creager Smith

Wedding photo. 27 August 1937.

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Walter Melvin Smith

Walter Melvin Smith was born 25 June 1913, at Butler, Indiana, the son of Carl Ray and Emma Viola (Zirkle) Smith.

His paternal grandparents were Martin Van Buren and Lucy (Hoffman) Smith. His maternal grandparents were John and Sarah (Pence) Zirkle.

Kathleen Ruth Creager, born 16 December 1913, at Kendallville, Indiana, the daughter of Walter Dallas Creager and Exie Floss (Mollenhour) Creager.

Her paternal grandparents were John Henry Creager and Amanda (Ream) Creager of Whitley County, Indiana. Her maternal grandparents were Hiram Mollenhour and Nettie Thompson) Mollenhour of Kosciusko County, Indiana.

Walter and Kathleen were married 22 August 1937, at Butler. Mr. Smith attended Indiana Central College and Indiana University. Mrs. Smith graduated from the South Bend School of Commerce in 1932.

Walter was employed by the Oberlin Grocery Company at $12 per week for several years. In 1938, he became substitute postal clerk at the Butler Post Office and a regular clerk in 1941. On 21 June 1951, he was appointed postmaster at Butler by President Harry S. Truman upon the retirement of Postmaster Clyde Oberlin. He served as Postmaster at Butler until his retirement 02 January 1976. He was a very conscientious government employee and regularly worked mail and attended the counter, even though he was not required to do so as Postmaster. The Butler Post Office was a First Class Office during much of his tenure due to the heavy mail volume of Marshall Clothing Company and the Higley Printing Company.

Kathleen was one of the first office employees of Universal Tool and Stamping Company when they moved to Butler. She later became the first employee of Hendrickson Tandem Corporation at the Butler Plant. She stayed with this company as it grew and was Corporate Secretary upon her retirement in 1972.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Smith have been active in church and civic affairs. Walter was a Trustee and Treasurer of the Evangelical United Brethren Church for many years. Both were active in the Masons and Eastern Star. Mrs. Smith was the first female member of the Butler School Board. Mr. Smith served as a Trustee of the Carnegie Public Library.

Mr. Smith has two sisters: Kathryn (Smith) Miller and Marcelle (Smith) Voss. Mrs. Smith was an only child.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith are the parents of three children: John Martin Smith, who is an attorney in Auburn; Julie (Smith) Hutter, who is retired as CEO of Barkley Place, an assisted living facility at Fort Myers, Florida; and Charles Walter Smith, who is a United Methodist Minister at Rockford, Michigan.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith lived on the Smith Family Farm at the southwest edge of Butler from 1950 until 1976. While they lived there, Mr. Smith and his sons raised livestock and farmed part time.

They then retired to a lake property at Silver Lake in Steuben County, and to Spanish Lakes at Port St. Lucie, Florida.

Mrs. Smith died 17 September 1981, and was buried at the Butler Cemetery. In 1983, Mr. Smith married Marie Pearlstone at Port St. Lucie, Florida. She died 14 January 2001. Mr. Smith now resides at Smith Farms Manor, Auburn.

Submitted by John Martin Smith

Harold J. Snyder

Harold J. Snyder

Harold J. "Snip" Snyder was born 29 July 1907 in Anderson Indiana. He was the son of William and Ola Snyder and had two sisters, Ethel (Grover) and Helen (Cramer.)

Snip graduated from Auburn High School in 1926. An all around athlete, he lettered in basketball, baseball, football and track. Twice, he was a participant in the state track meet.

After graduation, Snip married his high school sweetheart, Katrina "Sandy" Baker. Sandy was the daughter of Millie Elizabeth and Chalmer Baker. She had two sisters, Marie (Gengnagle) and Ann (Martin) and one brother, Estus. Sandy passed away on 20 December 1970.

In 1928, Snip accepted the position of Athletic Director for the YMCA. As quoted in *The Evening Star*, "Snip ruled the "Y" with an iron hand, but a gentle one. When he said 'quiet down,' everybody listened. They knew he meant business." In 1959, he became the Executive Director and continued to serve the community for another 14 years before retiring in 1973. He was honored during his retirement dinner by Mayor John Foley and Norman Robert, chairman of the YMCA Board of Directors.

Sandy was also a dedicated supporter of the programs at the YMCA. She taught girls swimming and life saving classes. She was instrumental in organizing a weekly "Family Night," with volleyball, swimming and other various activities for all ages. On Saturdays, Sandy served hot dogs and pop while the boys enjoyed watching movies.

Snip, Sandy and their siblings all raised their families in Auburn. Snip was a member of the United Methodist Church and a brother Mason at Lodge 214 of Auburn. He was also an active hunter and outdoorsman.

Snip and Sandy had one daughter, Betty Lou, born in 1927. Betty Lou married Charles Lewis, of Garrett, in 1947. Betty Lou and Charles have one daughter, Cindy Lou, and three grandchildren, Jenny Lou, Brian and David. They have eight great grandchildren: Samantha, Caleb, Miranda Lou, Charles, Noah, Austin, Cody and Taylor.

Snip passed away 20 March 1985 at the age of 77 and is buried in the Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn. Indiana.

Submitted by Betty Lou Lewis

Ralph Lavon Souder and Sarah Mildred Bryant

Ralph Lavon Souder (b. 10 May 1905 Butler, Indiana d. 16 June 1987 Butler) was the only child of Harry Leroy Souder (b. 01 May 1882 Butler d. 14 July 1973 Butler) and Henrietta Tombow ("Etta" b. 09 August 1886 East Greenville, Ohio d. 20 December 1985 Butler).

Ralph married Sarah "Mildred" Bryant (b. 25 November 1907 Butler) the fourth child of William Bryant (b. 1866 Butler d. 23 December 1943 Butler) and Micha Rickard Bryant (b. 21 Sept 1871 Butler d. 05 April 1951 Butler). Their wedding date was 07 June 1927. Mildred had two sisters, Constance (Scaggs) and Nancy (Houck), one brother, Loren Bryant. Ralph and his parents are buried in the Butler Cemetery (Mildred's plot is beside him, when she passes). Mildred's parents are buried in Eddy's Cemetery on the Bellfountain Road in Troy Township.

Ralph Lavon Souder and
Sarah "Mildred" Bryant Souder

Ralph and Mildred had four children: Phyllis Joan (b.25 December 1927 Butler) who married Kenneth Jennings of Edgerton, Ohio; Lavon Dale (died at birth in 1928) Patricia Yvonne (25 November 1932) who married James Kinsey of St. Joe; William Harry (b. 15 September 1943) who married Linda May of Winamac, Indiana. Ralph and Mildred farmed north of Butler. He had a special talent also in painting houses and other buildings. He was in demand because of his ability in mixing just the right color to satisfy his customers. In the front of the sanctuary of Zion United Methodist Church, he painted a beautifully graduated shadow of the cross that hangs there. It is still there at this time.

He had a wonderful sense of humor and people liked working with him and being around him in general. He thought it a lot of fun to play jokes on people and make them laugh, especially his family. Mildred was always by his side, working and playing. She drove tractor, worked the "truck patch" of vegetables, canned, helped butcher the animals for meat, took care of the chickens and was a great cook. She always had sugar cookies ready for the children and grandchildren. They had a maple syrup camp in their woods and had a great time each spring gathering the sap and cooking it into syrup with the help of their family. They both were good neighbors and would offer help at any time to families or the church. Mildred did not waver in her love of God and set an example by the life she lived. They raised their children in early lessons to be responsible, hard working, considerate and to appreciate the blessings God gave them.

Ralph played on Butler's softball team as a young man. He never lost his fondness of the game and was a Chicago Cubs loyal fan. He and Mildred also enjoyed their many hours of fishing and camping. They took several trips to Florida and Arizona, sometimes with friends or family.

Mildred belonged to the Wittenberg Guild, a club organized in the neighborhood by a group of church ladies. They met once a month, studied a lesson in the Bible, packed food boxes for solders during WW2 and offered funeral dinners to families of members.

During their early years of farming, when crops were to be harvested, neighbors took turns going to each others farms with the threshing machine and helping. The wives would go to the same house and fix the meals. It was a time of hard work and camaraderie. It was also a custom that when there was a marriage, their friends would wait for the couple to go to bed, then “bell” them by making as much noise as possible with pans, bells, etc. Ralph and Mildred’s children surprised them by organizing a “belling” on their 15th wedding anniversary. Ralph passed on just one week after they celebrated their 60th anniversary.

Ralph and Mildred were assets to the community and church. They took pride in keeping their farm, four miles north of Butler on State Road 1 and 1 1/2 miles east on County Road 16, in good repair.

Submitted by Patricia Kinsey

The Sowles Family

Jay E. Sowles, was born 27 October 1903 in Fremont, Indiana, son of Daisy Floretta Sowles. Jay spent most of his childhood years living with his Grandfather, Jonathan Frank Sowles in Steuben County, York Township. On 06 December 1924 in Coldwater, Michigan, Jay Sowles married Nina Collins of DeKalb County, Franklin Township. They had nine children as follows: Leon Devon, b. 01 July 1925, Betty Jane, b. 14 October 1927, Dorsey Dean, b. 21 June 1931, Donald Wilbur, b. 10 May 1933, Ronald Paul, b. 10 May 1933, Jay Eugene, b. 19 January 1935, Lloyd Vincent, b. 15 January 1937, Sandra Sue, b. 01 April 1941, Dianna Lee, b. 24 June 1945. Mr. Sowles was a farmer and factory worker. He worked for the Auburn Foundry for 28 years until it burnt in 1950 then he worked at Dana Corporation in Auburn from 1951 until 1963. Jay was a man of small stature but he was not a man to mess with as he had big hands, thick fingers and was very strong. He had a workshop in his barn where he worked with wood. Jay enjoyed making maple syrup on his farm where he had a sugar shack in his woods. Jay died 01 July 1965 at the age of 61 in the south east part of Steuben County, Indiana on his farm and was buried at the Waterloo Cemetery in Waterloo, Indiana. Jay’s lineage goes back to the Mayflower. 1) George Soule/ Mary Becket, 2) Nathaniel Soule/Rose Thorn, 3) Sylvanus Soule/Sarah Slade, 4) William Soule/Keziah Gifford, 5) Nathaniel Sowle/Deborah Mosher, 6) Stephen Sowle/Mehitable(Hetty) Rood, 7) Hiram Sowles/Sarah Boyer, 8) Jonathan Frank Sowles/Ellen R. Maugherman, 9) Daisy Floretta Sowles, 10) Jay E. Sowles/Nina Collins, 11) Dorsey Sowles/ Viola Purk, 12) Janet Sowles/Steve Carper.

The parents of Nina Collins were George Byron and Sarah Jane (Albright) Collins of DeKalb County, Franklin Township. Nina was born 15 October 1907 in DeKalb County and died in LaGrange County, Indiana on 21 March 2002 at the age of 94 and buried at the Waterloo Cemetery in Waterloo, Indiana. Her father was born 01 March 1861 in Ionia County, Michigan. Her mother was born 16 October 1864 in New Philadelphia, Ohio. Nina had 10 siblings, two died in infancy, Collins children living to adulthood: Evan B., Coral, Gordon, Esther C., Ancil, Lois, Sheldon C. and Lester. Nina’s Grandparents (George Washington Collins and Elizabeth Crays Collins) moved to DeKalb County in the fall of 1868. Eight children were born to them. Seven are known: Lucius Dallas, George Byron, Dora B., Floyd, Olive (twin), Oliver (twin), Robert Earl Collins.

Submitted by Janet Sowles Carper

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Brad and Sara Sowles

Bradley Wayne Sowles

Bradley Wayne Sowles was born on 01 November 1979 at DeKalb Memorial, Auburn to Karen Sue (Stahl) Sowles, born on 14 December 1959 at the Dr. Bonnell M. Souder Hospital in Auburn, the daughter of James William Stahl, born 04 August 1937, in DeKalb County and Carolyn Sue (Hovarter) Stahl, born 23 June 1939, in DeKalb County, his maternal grandparents; and Dorsey Wayne "Wayne" Sowles, born 03 April 1957 in DeKalb County. He now lives and works in Raleigh, North Carolina.

Brad's maternal great grandparents were Carolyn's parents: Harry Dale Hovarter, born

17 December 1914 in DeKalb County; died 15 December 2003 in Wesley Healthcare, Auburn, and Pauline (Sherwood) Hovarter, born 03 October 1918 in DeKalb County and died on 02 June 1983 in Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne, Allen County. Both are buried in the Corunna Cemetery. They were farmers and school personnel who lived southwest of Corunna.

Brad's great great grandparents are Adam and Amanda Olive (Davis) Pressler Hovarter. *(See history of Adam Hovarter).* Also, great great-grandparents are John Vangesbeck and Grace Anna (Conkey) Mills Sherwood (*See history of Harry Dale Hovarter).* James' parents were: Clark William Stahl, born 26 May, 1907 in DeKalb County; died 12 January 1989 at home in DeKalb County and Edna Louise (Bowman) Stahl, born 07 November 1915 in DeKalb County; died 16 March 1997 in Noble County. Both are buried in the Waterloo Cemetery. They were farmers who lived three miles north of Auburn. Clark's parents were John Benjamin and Elizabeth (Haines) Stahl. *(See history of John Benjamin Stahl in this book).*

Edna's parents were Milferd Chaney and Inez Eva (Park) Bowman. *(See their histories).*

His paternal grandparents were Viola Rose (Purk), born 11 November 1933 in Payne, Ohio. (She's still living at Betz Nursing Home, Auburn, Indiana) and Dorsey Dean Sowles, born 21 June 1931 in DeKalb County; died 13 September 2001 in Auburn, DeKalb County, and is buried in the Waterloo Cemetery. They were married on 13 May 1950 in Akron, Indiana, and were able to celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary.

The Sowles family has lived mostly in Northeastern Indiana.

His paternal great grandparents were Vi's parents, who died when Vi was just five years old: Doyle Wolver Purk, born 06 April 1908 in Volinia Township, Cass County, Michigan; died 23 June 1936 and Elizabeth Arretta (Farlee) Purk, born 04 September 1910 in Hillsdale County, Michigan; died 19 January 1939. Both were buried in Lehman's Cemetery, Paulding, Ohio.

Dorsey's parents were Jay E. Sowles, born 27 October 1903 in Steuben County: died 01 July 1965 and Nina T. (Collins) Sowles, born 15 October 1907 in Franklin Township, DeKalb County. Both are buried in the Waterloo Cemetery.

Karen, Brad's Mother, attended DeKalb Central Schools and spent her first two years at the Corunna School, which was closed at the end of her first grade year, May 1967. Her remaining elementary years were spent at McKenney-Harrison, where she won a Good Citizenship Award. She attended McIntosh Junior High in Auburn and graduated with honors in 1978, from DeKalb High School where she was a member of the National Honor Society, Future Homemakers of America. She was President of the Spanish Club, had a role in the school musical and served in a leadership capacity for numerous extra-curricular activities and organizations.

Karen was very active in general church activities at Maple Grove United Methodist Church, plus extras, such as church camp, teaching Vacation Bible School, President of the youth group and going to Haiti in 1976 for two weeks with a Gospel Music Caravan sponsored by Church World Missions. On 27 August 1977, Karen married Dorsey Wayne Sowles; born 03 April 1957 and two children were born: 1) Michelle Erin, born 04 February 1978, and 2) Bradley Wayne, born 01 November 1979, both in DeKalb County.

In November 1979 the family moved to

Bluffton, Indiana, where Dorsey took a job with Simpson Industries. The marriage was dissolved in 1984 with Karen and the children remaining in Bluffton.

Karen was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Bluffton and was actively involved with church activities, as were her children, who participated in special children's programs and sang in the Children's Choir. Both youngsters attended Lancaster Central Elementary, where they excelled in academic achievements. Brad also excelled in athletics, especially basketball. *(For a photo and more information on Karen Sue (Stahl) Sowles, see pages 384-85 of the Volume II, 1987 DeKalb County History Book).*

On 10 December 1988, Brad's mother married Terry L Bruner and they gave Brad a half brother, Bryan Curtis Bruner, born 05 February, 1990. They stayed in Bluffton until 02 June 199l, when they moved back to Auburn. While a student at DeKalb High School, Brad was a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, the National Honor Society, was a Dare role mode to encourage kids to stay off drugs. Athletics was a main interest. He was on the basketball, baseball and football teams, and he concentrated on the latter two as he became an upperclassman. He graduated with honors in May 1998.

He went on to college at Indiana University, Bloomington, and in December 2002 he graduated with a B.S. Degree in Business. While in college he met the girl of his dreams and married Sara Elaine Bradford on 26 July 2003. Their first home was a cozy rented bungalow in Kendallville. His first job was with the Campbell & Fetter Bank as a Management Trainee. He worked in Kendallville for his initial training, and then was moved to the branch in Goshen, Indiana.

They bought a very nice home in Goshen and moved there on 24 February 2004. Brad changed jobs in March 2005; he now works for Starcraft Bus, a Division of Forest River, as a Regional Sales Manager. He really enjoys this job. Brad's special interests revolve around sports and outdoor activities.

Sara Elaine (Bradford) Sowles, born 11 May 1980 in Fort Wayne, Indiana to Michelle R. (Frey) Bradford, born 05 April 1955 in Ohio and Allen Edwin Bradford, born 14 September 1954 in Warren, Indiana.; died 18 May 2000 in Kendallville, and is buried in this town. Sara's mother is the Program Director at Faith United Methodist Church in Kendallville. Her father was the Comptroller for Tower Automotive in Kendallville, Indiana.

Sara's maternal grandparents are Marvin Frey, born 18 September (——) and Delphine (Kennel) Frey, born 15 March (——). Marvin was a teacher and Delphine was a teacher's assistant. They live in Fort Wayne, and while both are retired now, Marvin works as a Math Professor at IPFW. Her maternal great grandmothers are Ellen Kennell and Irene Frey. Sara's paternal grandmothers were Lillian (Leas) Bradford, and Ruey Leas, Sara's great grandmother on Allen's mother's side.

Sara graduated from East Noble High School in 1998, where she was one of their good runners in track and cross country. She went to college at Goshen College, and graduated in 2002 with a B.A. Degree in Education. Her first job was at West Noble's Ligonier Elementary, and she is still there teaching first grade. Her special interests are running, coaching, and crafts.

Submitted by Carolyn Stahl

Richard Spencer Family

Douglas Alan, Wendy, Richard Alan and Wendy Darlene (Wilson)

Richard Alan Spencer and Wendy Darlene Wilson

Richard Alan Spencer was born in Louisville, Kentucky, on 16 September 1950. He is the son of John William, Jr. and Mary (Merkel) Spencer. His paternal grandparents were John William, Sr. and Frances Spencer. His maternal grandparents were Anthony and Eleanor (Nord) Merkel, Louisville, Kentucky. Richard has a brother, Jack and two sisters, Linda (Spencer) Guild and Barbara (Spencer) Dishon, Louisville, Kentucky.

Wendy Darlene Wilson was born 02 March 1955. She is the daughter of Richard Keith and Helen (Olds) Wilson of Butler. Her paternal grandparents were John Hubert and Esta (Keller) Wilson. Her maternal grandparents were James Ernest and Clarissa (Poper) Olds.

Richard and Wendy were married 06 October 1979, in St. Agathas, Columbus, Ohio.

Richard Spencer graduated from St. Xavier Boys School, Louisville, Kentucky, and Eastern Kentucky University in 1973. He taught at Vincennes University while working on his Master's Degree at Indiana State University, finishing in 1975. He worked as a manager of Hoosier Photo Supplies of Ohio, in Hillard, Ohio. Rick is a Regional Sales Representative for Covington International and teaches Marketing at Ohio Dominican College, Westerville, Ohio.

Wendy is a graduate of Eastside High School in 1973, Vincennes University in

1975, and Eastern Kentucky University in 1978, earning degrees in Commercial Art and Fashion Merchandising. She was Display Manager for J. C. Penney in Columbus until 1982. Wendy traveled Northern Ohio as a sales representative for Enesco, Roman Company and Lladro Company of Spain. She is currently employed as a sales manager for Macy's at Easton Town Center, Westerville, Ohio.

Richard and Wendy are the parents of two children: Jennifer Marie and Douglas Alan.

Jennifer Marie was born 02 July 1982. She graduated from DeSales High School, Columbus, Ohio and from Ohio University, Athens, Ohio in 2005. She is pursuing a Master's Degree in Cardiac Rehabilitation at the University of Kentucky at Louisville, Kentucky.

Douglas Alan was born 29 November 1984. He graduated from DeSales High School in 2003 and attends Denison University in Granville, Ohio. He studied abroad his junior year at the CIEE Study Center at the University Karlova, Czech Republic.

Rick and Wendy live in Westerville, Ohio. The Spencer's are members of St. Paul's Catholic Church and enjoy sports, boating, and their families.

Submitted by Helen Wilson

Laurel Grant Spindler and Nora Rowe

Laurel Grant Spindler found a mastodon on his father's farm, on Sunday, 12 September 1897. The farm was located on the north side of County Road 14 in Fairfield Township. He was putting out a fire that had gotten out of control, burning huge holes in the "muck" field. All at once he hit something large and he pulled it out. He was later quoted, "My blood ran cold. I thought for a moment the devil was after me." The bone was not familiar to him and he frightened him a little bit. Especially since he was a minister and he was working on Sunday which was not something he was suppose to be doing. He then realized what he had found and covered it with dirt and got a neighbor to help him to try to find the rest of bones. He also probably telegraphed a college from Fort Wayne, hoping to receive advice on how to preserve this find. When he started digging again, he dug in a big twenty foot circle and finally found most of the mastodon. He dipped it in oil to keep it in good shape and he did a wonderful job. It was in all the newspapers, consequently, next Sunday; two hundred people visited the home of Laurel to see the bones of the mastodon. He said he had to post guards all night because people were trying to get souvenirs. Once the mastodon was found, Laurel traveled around, displaying some of the bones in Angola, Auburn, and different cities in Ohio. The completed skeleton proved to be ten foot tall and twenty foot long. He sold it to Professor Ward from Rochester, New York, for $500 for most of the skeleton, and then sold the foot bones, which were found later for an additional $20. This gentleman from New York put it together then sold the skeleton to Andrew Carnegie for $20,000. Mr. Carnegie placed it in his Carnegie Institute located in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. It was one of the most complete mastodons ever found in that time period. The Carnegie Institute took it down for about twenty years, cleaned it, and reassembled it befitting the latest research on how a mastodon actually walked. You can go today to Pittsburgh and see this majestic beast that walked the earth here in DeKalb County.

Laurel was born about 1865 to Nicholas Demas Spindler and Barbara Amstead Spindler. He lived south of Waterloo, Indiana, with his parents. His parents moved to Fairfield Township about 1892. He started farming for his father in 1894.

He married Nora Rowe on 19 March 1895. Nora's parents were Zachariah Rowe and Sarah Allen Rowe. His sister, Jennora Spindler Miller married Nora Rowe's brother, David, on 03 September 1901.

Laurel and Nora had one child, Estella "Stella" 27 July 1895. She went to school at Neidig's School with John Urey as her teacher. She went to school with Harold Urey, the famous scientist.

Stella married Clyde Warnock. She came back to Indiana many times to visit her cousin, Delia Husselman and her "double" cousins, the Rowes.

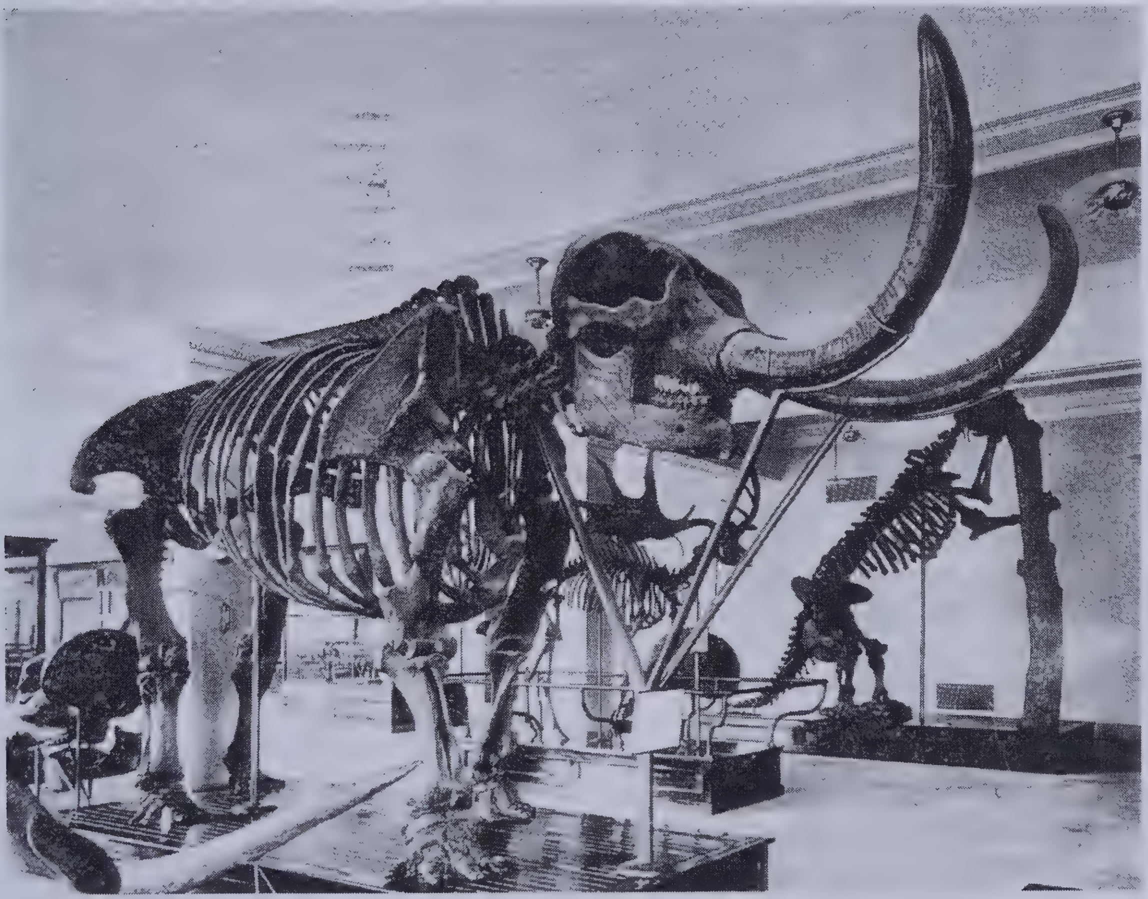
In 1902, Laurel and his family moved to the Forbes County. Laurel and Nora took little Mabel Rowe home with her for a while. Mabel was orphaned at thirteen years old, because of a typhoid outbreak in her family. Mabel later went to live with another family.

Laurel died about June 1923, at the age of 57, in Cleveland, Ohio.

Nora had a goiter. You can see this very clearly in pictures of her. She enjoyed going to her sister's home for family gatherings.

For a picture of Laurel and his family, see the biography of Nicholas Demas Spindler, his father.

Submitted by Roselyn Wells



The mastodon found by Laurel Spindler on display at Carnegie Institute in the early 1900's. It was taken down, put back together and is on display again today. This was an important part of the Spindler family history. A great great nephew still has part of a rib bone of this mastodon..

Children and grandchildren of Nicholas Demas Spindler and Barbara Amstead.

Spindler and Rowe Families

Back Row l to r: Stella Spindler (Warnock), Alice Spindler Mortimore, Nan Spindler Landis, Miss Landis(Nan's daughter), , Delia Miller (Husselman), Guy Miller

Adults that are sitting l to r: Laurel Spindler, Nora Rowe Spindler, Dave Rowe, Jennora Spindler Miller Rowe

Front Row l to r: Children are Edwin Landis, Allen Rowe, Thelmer Rowe, Harold Rowe.

Nicholas Demas Spindler and Barbara Amstead

Nicholas "Nicodemus or Demas" Demas Spindler was born 12 March 1821 in Pennsylvania. His parents were Jacob (b. about 1789 Maryland d. 07 November 1879 Sugar Creek Township, Wayne County, Ohio) and Mary Spindler (b. about 1792 d. 11 April 1862 Wayne County, Ohio). Nicodemus is living with his parents in 1850 at the age of 22 in Baughman Township, Wayne County, Ohio.

Nicodemus was first married to Mary (b. about 1836 d. 15 December 1860, Ohio). They had at least two children together, Mary (died as a baby) and Nancy (b. about 1858). They are found in the 1860 Wayne County, Ohio census. Mary died and is buried with her baby.

Nicodemus then married Barbara Amstead 27 December 1863 in Wayne County, Ohio. She was born about 1839, the daughter of Christian and Elizabeth Amstead.

Barbara and Nicodemus had at least seven children together: Ida Mae, Laurel Grant, Elinore, Mary, Walter, Jennora, and Franklin.

They moved south of Waterloo before 1870. They lived there until they moved to Fairfield, about 1892.

In 1897, his son Laurel found a mastodon on his property. *See the biography on Laurel for more information.*

Nicodemus was kindly called "eccentric." He was not so kindly called feeble-minded and of unsound mind. He inherited $3000 from his father's will and his siblings did not want him to receive it. They genuinely did not think he was capable of overseeing his inheritance despite the fact; he made a good living farming. There seemed to be a bit of a problem, possibly dementia a bit earlier than most people get it. He was assigned guardians at different times. His family seemed to love him even with all his faults.

He died when he was about 80 years old of Haemorrhagica bullosa and was ill six days. The paper said,"….. 'Spindler' had considerable means at one time."

Barbara died 22 June 1901. The Waterloo Press says she was buried in the Fairfield Cemetery.

Submitted by Roselyn Wells

Jerry Wayne Springer and Joyce Rosalie Rohm

Jerry Wayne Springer was born 28 March 1938 at Sacred Heart Hospital located in Garrett, Indiana to John and Marjorie Schmuck Rothermel Springer. John Springer was born 01 August 1912 and Marjorie was born 28 July 1911 at Kendallville, Indiana. Jerry attended Kendallville High School and was among the graduating class of 1955.

Joyce Rosalie Rohm Springer and Jerry Wayne Springer

Jerry Wayne Springer married Joyce Rosalie "Rummie" Rohm 04 June 1960 at Auburn, Indiana. Joyce was born 21 November 1934 at Auburn, Indiana. Her father is Ford Lisle Rohm, born 09 September 1899 at Waterloo, Indiana. Her mother, Bessie Mildred Oberlin was born 05 May 1898 at Waterloo. Joyce went to Harrison Grade School from 1941 to Junior High. She then graduated from Auburn High School in 1953.

Jerry was a meat manager for many years and is now a teacher's instructional assistant at DeKalb High School. Joyce worked for Dr. Duncan, a local dentist in Auburn for many years. Every year Joyce decorates their home at Christmas time and opens her doors to friends and various groups for tours and open houses. She has volunteered for the Eckhart Library for six years and is currently working on a photo collection project for the Eckhart Library's W. H. Willennar Center.

Three children were born to Jerry and Joyce. Lynn Ann "Lynnie" Springer born 11 March 1962 at Sacred Heart Hospital in

Garrett, Indiana, the same building that her father was born, David Lisle Springer born 25 May 1970 and Amie NiEtta "Ni" Springer born 26 October 1974.

Lynn Ann married Sam Greuter but has since divorced. They had two children Benjamin John surviving only nine hours and Shane Benjamin Greuter born in 1986 and passing away in 1991. Lynn Ann is now living and working in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

David Lisle Springer lived only 5 ½ hours and was laid to rest in the Woodlawn Cemetery located in Auburn.

Amie NiEtta married Todd Bauman at St. Mark's Lutheran Church of Auburn. Amie and her husband live in Auburn and she works at the Assessor's office in Auburn, Indiana.

Both Lynn and Amie attended East Elementary School (Now J. R. Watson) and graduated from DeKalb High School. While growing up, they had very active imaginations, playing with their many dolls, and excelled at playing the piano. Amy was in Show Choir at DeKalb High School and won many awards in piano contests at Fort Wayne's Bishop Luers. A priority in Lynn's life has been her beautiful cars starting in high school and she still loves them.

Submitted by Joyce Springer

Carolyn Sue (Hovarter) Stahl

Carolyn was born 23 June 1939 in her parent's farmhouse southwest of Corunna, DeKalb County.

The daughter of Harry Dale Hovarter, born 17 December 1914 in Richland Township southwest of Corunna, where he lived his entire life. Harry died 15 December 2003 in Auburn, DeKalb County and Pauline (Sherwood) Hovarter, born 03 October 1918 in DeKalb County; died 02 June 1983 in Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne, Allen County. Her paternal grandparents were Adam Hovarter, born 28 August 1852; died 04 February 1942 at age 89 and Amanda Olive (Davis) Pressler Hovarter, born 06 December 1876; died 06 December 1954 on her 78th birthday. Her paternal great grandparents were John Hovarter, Sr. (Johannes Howerter), born 03 November 1808 in Lebanon County, Pennsylvania; died 25 June 1889 in DeKalb County and Nancy (Weirich) Hovarter, born 16 February 1814 in Lebanon County, Pennsylvania; died 01 April 1897 in DeKalb County, Indiana. They were farmers who had come from Ohio and settled near Fairfield Center in Fairfield Township. Also, Reuben Davis, born 1846; died 1926 and Louisa

Carolyn Sue (Hovarter) Stahl and James William Stahl

(Maggert) Davis, born 1856; died 1926. Reuben and Louisa were originally from the Kosciusko County area but were attracted to Garrett when the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad was built. Her paternal great great grandparents were Christian Howerter, born 12 April 1772; died 28 July 1859 and Juliana (Carmony) Howerter, born 17 March 1777; died 30 September 1831 all in Lebanon County, Pennsylvania. Other paternal great great grandparents were, John and Catherine (Rupp) Weirich and Nathan and Pamela or Parmelia (Butt) Davis and Jesse and Rebecca Ann (Jones) Maggert. *(For more information see Adam Hovarter and Harry Dale Hovarter).*

Her maternal grandparents were John Vangesbeck Sherwood, born 18 September 1875; died 10 February 1919 and Grace Anna (Conkey) Mills Sherwood Grogg, born 11 November 1876; died 05 May 1940. Pauline's father died when she was but a year old, and her mother married Daniel J. Grogg, born 1868, also a farmer. Her maternal great grandparents were William Charles Sherwood (known as Charles), born 16 July 1841 in Marcellus, New York; died 02 May 1927 and Mary Debra (Parsons) Sherwood, born 04 June 1845, died 13 July 1919. All of the above are buried in Waterloo Cemetery.

Carolyn's maternal great great grandparents were Amos Sherwood, born 14 April 1813; died 25 August 1895 and Mary Debra (Parsons) Sherwood, born 04 June 1845; died 03 July 1919 (both were born in Anondaga County, New York) and Grace was taken in by foster parents when very young and never gained knowledge of her parents, but according to the 1880 census, she was age five and living with her foster parents: Thomas and Harriett (Westlake) Emerson in Jackson Township, Steuben County.

All her grandparents were farmers by trade and her foreign heritage goes back to Switzerland, Germany and Ireland. She developed many positive feelings about education from the time spent in her first eight grades at West Richland, a two-room country school, where Carolyn was one of two girls better skilled at softball than some of the guys, so she played on the boys' softball team for three years when it wasn't cool for girls to play on boys' teams. But she never struck out once. She attended Waterloo High School when there were no competitive girls' sports, so she played forward on the Girls' Intramural Noon Basketball League when rules for girls allowed half-court play only.

She participated in other high school activities such as serving as Co-Editor of the yearbook, an officer in the Beta National Honor Society, singing with the choir's Ensemble, having a role in the school play, being Junior Store Manager and working in the school office as needed. She graduated in 1957 as Valedictorian of her class.

Carolyn met James William Stahl, born 04 August, 1937, at the high school and after an extended courtship, they were married on 11 August 1957 in what is now the Maple Grove UM Church, where they still attend. Since both were raised in farm families, they were familiar with the work ethic and worked hard to get established.

Carolyn first worked as a secretary in Lincoln National Life Insurance Company, Fort Wayne, a position she left to accept a local offer at Rieke's in Auburn as secretary to the company Treasurer and Secretary of the Board. As was customary in the 1950's, she quit working outside the home when her first child was born; Karen Sue (Stahl) Sowles Bruner, in 1959. Their second daughter, Diane Kay (Stahl) Calcaterra was born 1961. Like most farm wives, Carolyn fulfilled her responsibilities as a homemaker and mother and also helped on the farm as needed. (*For more information on the two Stahl girls, see this book).*

When the girls started school, Carolyn became involved with their school activities, assuming various responsibilities, including several years as a room mother and as a PTO Executive Officer at Corunna and McKenney-Harrison. This involvement with her daughters' schools rekindled her desire for a teaching career. She recalled the positive experiences she had while still a student, being called upon in 7th and 8th grade and again in high school to substitute for teachers for portions of the day. Carolyn enrolled at the Fort Wayne campus of Indiana University-Purdue University (IUPU) in the fall of 1968. She made the Dean's List regularly and graduated with Highest Distinction in 1973, with a B.S. Degree in Education. While on campus she pursued her life-long interest in music as well. She had played piano since age five, and had been singing in various groups and choirs for years, including having the tenor role in a female gospel quartet. She sang with the Women's University Chorale and enjoyed it very much.

Carolyn earned a Masters Degree in English, Government/Political Science, Sociology and Counseling and Guidance from IU, Bloomington, and in Psychology from Fort Wayne's St. Francis College. She currently holds life licenses in those areas, and in June 1985 she passed her national boards and became a Nationally Certified Counselor, the first DeKalb Central had on staff.

Mrs. Stahl was affiliated with DeKalb Central Schools for 30 years as a junior high English teacher at McIntosh and DeKalb (now DeKalb Middle School) and as a guidance counselor and Director of Guidance for her last 11 years of service. She served as Guidance Department Chairperson for several years, as a member of the NCA Steering Committee for two terms, and was a member of district-wide committee often. She also served four times at the invitation of the North Central Accreditation Association on Professional teams to study and evaluate schools and their programs throughout the State.

Carolyn has been actively involved in church, community and political affairs. At church she has served as Director-Counselor of the youth group, Children's Sunday School Superintendent, Sunday School Pianist, a charter member of the choir, a teacher for church school classes and for Vacation Bible School and Child Evangelism's Good News Clubs. She served the Richland Township Sunday School/Church Convention in various capacities and was a Certified Lay Speaker with the North Indiana United Methodist Conference.

Community involvement has included collections for CROP and for DeKalb High School's first band uniforms, singing in the community choirs at Ashley for Easter and Christmas concerts, and in Auburn for Handel's "Messiah"; holding various offices, including President of Model Home Demonstration Club, President of the Waterloo Alumni Assoc., and a member of the Board of Directors of the DeKalb Chapter of The American Cancer Society. In August 2005 she was elected to serve a two-year term on the Lake Gage-Lime Lake Association.

Carolyn has been a precinct and county worker in the Republican Party for years. She has been a state election board official for several nominating conventions; an officer of the County Young Republicans, and in the 1960's was secretary of the DeKalb County Republican Central Committee. She and her husband have spoken personally to three U.S. Presidents (Nixon, Ford, George

H.W. Bush) and received personalized invitations to the inaugurations of four Presidents.

They attended the one for Bush-Quayle, as they also knew Dan Quayle personally. In January 2005 Carolyn and Jim attended the inauguration of new Governor, Mitch Daniels.

A strong IU Alumnae, Carolyn had her cottage bathroom and her work office decorated in the colors and memorabilia of Indiana University, including a personal birthday greeting written to her from Coach Bob Knight. The couple travels to Bloomington to IU basketball games, where they have season tickets. Her number one spot for summer recreation is the Stahl cottage at Lake Gage, Steuben, County, where she enjoys relaxing, swimming, visiting with lake neighbors and reading good books. Indeed, in the summer of 2005 she lived at the lake and had Jim join her there most of the time as well.

Submitted by Carolyn Stahl

Clark William Stahl

Clark William Stahl born, 26 May 1907, Waterloo, Indiana; died 12 January 1989, the son of John Benjamin and Elizabeth "Lizzie" (Haines) Stahl. His paternal grandparents were John and Mary (Rohm) Stahl. His maternal grandparents were John and Amelia Haines. Clark had one brother, Ralph Stahl, and four sisters: Winifred (Stahl) Carper, Faye (Stahl) Ellis, Mabel (Stahl) Schick, and Audra (Stahl) Myers, all deceased. Clark attended Rolly Ridge School and Tamarack School in Grant Township.

Edna Louise (Bowman) Stahl, born 07 November 1915, Corunna, Indiana; died 16 March 1997, and was the daughter of Milferd Chaney and Inez Eva (Park) Bowman. Her paternal grandparents were William and Ellie (Chaney) Bowman of DeKalb County. Her maternal grandparents were George W. and Sarah (Miller) Park of DeKalb County. Both Clark and Edna are buried in the Waterloo Cemetery.

Clark William Stahl and
Edna Louise Bowman Stahl

George Park's brother, John, was killed in the Civil War in a battle that was fought after the treaty of peace was signed. George Park's uncle, Wesley Park, helped lay out the plat of Auburn. Sarah Park's father, John D. Miller, helped build the United Brethren Church at Hudson, Indiana.

Edna had one brother, Kenneth, who died in 1951 of cancer, and two sisters: Bertha (Bowman) Korff: born 1911; died 1984, and Marie (Bowman) Ohlwine, born 1917; died 1981.

Edna attended East Richland School, Richland Township and Waterloo High School, graduating in 1934. On 22 September 1984, the class of 1934 celebrated their 50th anniversary. Clark and Edna married 04 August 1935, in Corunna, Indiana, and celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary at the First United Methodist Church of Auburn, on 04 August 1985.

Clark and Edna are the parents of four children: James William, born 04 August 1937, graduated from Waterloo High School and retired from Warner Gear/Auburn Gear with 43 years service. James married Carolyn Sue Hovarter, 11 August 1957. They are the parents of two daughters: Karen Sue (Stahl) Sowles Bruner, born 14 December 1959, graduated from DeKalb High School. She ran a licensed day care for 17 years, and now works part-time at Country Hearth Inn, and is a full time college student at Ivy Tech, studying Accounting. She has three children: 1) Michelle Erin (Sowles) Walker, 04 February 1978. She and husband, Rodney, have two small daughters: Kylee Anne and Kenna Sue. She is going to college to become a nurse. 2) Bradley Wayne Sowles, 01 November 1979, who graduated from IU, Bloomington, with a B.S. Degree in Business. His wife, Sara, is a teacher and they live in Goshen, Indiana. 3) Bryan Curtis Bruner, 05 February 1990. Diane Kay Stahl, born 25 August 1961, graduated from DeKalb High School and Indiana University, Bloomington. She was Miss DeKalb County Queen and Miss Northeast Indiana in 1984. Diane now is married and lives in Coto deCaza, California with her husband Chris and four children, three of whom are triplets.

John B. Stahl, Sr. born 02 August 1939; died 06 July 1999. Graduated from Waterloo High School and was a truck driver all of his life. He married Charlene Louise Smith, 07 August 1961, and they have two children: John B., Jr., born 28 July 1962, graduated from DeKalb High School and Northwestern College, Lima, Ohio. He works for Irving Sand & Gravel, Fort Wayne. He married Michelle Marie Bowman, 28 August 1982, and they have two children: Brenda Diane, born 26 January 1983, and Mark John, born 13 July 1985. Brenda married John Leichty and has a baby girl, Samantha Kelly Renee, born 21 January 1969. She was a cheerleader at DeKalb High School, and is now married to Steven Snider and has four children: Mason, Mackenzie, Evan and Paige.

Shirley Louise Stahl, born 24 October 1941, graduated from Waterloo High School and International Business College, Fort Wayne. For a long time, she worked as a secretary at Waterfield Mortgage. She married Donald Kent Anweiler, 05 November 1966 and they have one son, Derek Donald, born 25 September 1972. Shirley resides in Zionsville, Indiana. Derek and his wife, Katie, live in Austin, Texas.

Thomas Lee Stahl, born 18 November 1943, graduated from Waterloo High School and worked for Warner Gear/Auburn Gear for many years. He now works for Wal-Mart in Kendallville. He married Connie Lou Roop, 25 April 1962 and they have two children. Thomas Edward, born 21 October 1964, graduated from DeKalb High School and drove gravel trucks for many years. Sarah Jennifer, born 22 June 1975, is now a young married mother with small children. Thomas and Connie have been divorced for several years.

Clark was a farmer all his life, a truck driver for the DeKalb County Highway Department for 19 years, and a school bus driver for three years. He was a member of the DeKalb County Sheriff's Department Posse for 15 years. Edna worked for DeKalb County Farm Bureau Co-Op and served as Secretary and Treasurer of the District Farm

Bureau, and as a bookkeeper for Dr. L. E. Jennings. She was a member, President, Secretary, and Treasurer of the DeKalb County Chorus. Clark and Edna were active in church and civic affairs. Clark was trustee of Maple Grove United Methodist Church. Edna taught Sunday school and sang in the Choir at Maple Grove. She also taught Bible Classes at the Ashley Methodist Church.

Submitted by Carolyn Stahl

James William Stahl

James William Stahl

James William Stahl was born 04 August 1937, in his parent's farmhouse north of Auburn, son of Clark William Stahl, born 26 May 1907; died 12 January 1989 and Edna Louise (Bowman) Stahl, born 07 November 1915; died 16 March 1997. His siblings are: 1) John B. Stahl, born 02 August 1939; died 06 July 1999 and buried in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn, DeKalb; 2) Shirley Louise (Stahl) Anweiler, born 24 October 1941, her home is in Zionsville, Indiana; and 3) Thomas Lee Stahl, born 18 November 1943 living on his farm northeast of Corunna. His paternal grandparents were John Benjamin Stahl, born 16 November 1864; died 13 July 1946 and Elizabeth (Haines) Stahl, born 07 September 1868; died 10 May 1955. They were farmers and horse breeders who lived on County Road 32. Both are buried at the Waterloo Cemetery.

His maternal grandparents were Milferd Chaney Bowman, born 24 September 1892; died 28 May 1964 and Inez Eva (Park) Bowman, born 08 November 1891; died 19 March 1968. They were farmers in Richland Township, east of Corunna. They are both buried in the Sedan Cemetery, DeKalb County. The foreign heritage of James goes back to Germany and England. *(For more information refer to the histories of John Benjamin Stahl, Clark William Stahl, Milferd Chaney Bowman, and wife, Inez Eva (Park) Bowman).*

James spent his primary grades and his senior year at Waterloo, graduating in 1955. The other years were spent at Ashley, when his family lived in the Barker's Chapel area east of Ashley. Jim met Carolyn Sue Hovarter while attending Waterloo High School, where he was in the school plays, an officer of Future Farmers of America, and played first trombone in the band. After three years of dating, they were married 11 August 1957 at Maple Grove Evangelical United Brethren Church. They set up housekeeping in an upstairs apartment and a year later bought their first farm, (sixty acres two miles west of the Ashley-Hudson corners) where they lived at the time their two daughters were born.

Karen Sue (Stahl) Sowles Bruner, born 14 December 1959 lives in Auburn, and has three children: 1) Michelle Erin (Sowles) Walker, born 04 February 1978 lives on Little Cedar Lake, of Tri-Lakes, near Columbia City. Michelle and husband, Rodney Allan Walker, born 02 April 1972 have two daughters; Kylee Anne Walker, born 03 November 2000 and Kenna Sue Walker, born 28 April 2002. 2) Bradley Wayne Sowles, born 01 November 1979 lives with wife, Sara (Bradford) Sowles, born 11 May 1980 in Goshen Indiana and 3) Bryan Curtis Bruner, born 05 February 1990, a freshman at DeKalb High School and a member of the prestigious Classic Connection Show Choir. *(For more information on Karen's family see pages 384-5 Volume II of the 1987 DeKalb County History and the one in this book).*

Diane Kay (Stahl) Calcaterra, born 25 August 1961 lives in Coto de Caza, California with husband Chris Michael Calcaterra, born 16 June 1960 and their four children: 1) Nicholas Eugene, born 16 April 1993, now in middle school, and the triplets; 2) Andrew James, born 04 December 1998, now in grade one. 3) Claire Marie, born 04 December 1998, now in grade one, and 4) Grant Robert, born 04 December 1998, now in grade one. *(For more information on Diane and her family refer to her history on pages 385-6 in Volume II of the 1987 DeKalb County History and the history of Diane Kay (Stahl) Calcaterra in this book).*

A very close-knit family, they thoroughly enjoyed the years spent together as the girls were growing up and the excitement of the various activities they did as a family. Sharing experiences now with their seven grandchildren and two great granddaughters is especially rewarding.

Mr. Stahl's primary career goal was to be a full-time farmer so he purchased his first machinery and rented his first farm while a senior in high school. He's been farming for 50 years and has been a very hard worker, working up to 350 acres while also holding down a full-time job in town. His first job after graduation was with the DeKalb County Farm Bureau Co-Op and in January 1957 he took a position with Warner Gear, where he remained for 43 years. He kept increasing his skills and advanced to the position of set-up man, where he stayed for over 25 years. In the early 1980's Warmer Gear was sold to Auburn Gear and he retired from there in January 2000.

In 1961, James and Carolyn purchased the old Frank Hovarter farm southwest of Corunna and after extensive remodeling of the home, the family moved there in the fall of 1965. They added a new pole barn to the site in the late 1960's and purchased additional land on three different tracts during the next twelve to fifteen years. In March 1975 they broke ground for a new home across the road. They also added a new barn to the new home site in 1991.

Jim's also involved with farm business, as he's been a farmer dealer for Asgrow Seeds for the past 30 years. Monsanto also has DeKalb Seeds now, so Jim is very busy with all the acreage and being a dealer for Asgrow and DeKalb Seeds.

He has been active in church, community and political affairs over the years. At Maple Grove UM Church he has served several terms as Trustee and presently is on the Administrative Board. He has also been Sunday School Superintendent, a member of various committees and was Financial Secretary for many years. Currently he's also on the Pastor Parish Committee. In 1967 he answered the call for church missions and spent two weeks on a work project in Puerto Rico. He had served the Richland Township Sunday School/Church Convention in various capacities, including President. Conventions that combined all township churches for services three times annually went out of vogue by the turn of the century, so it dissolved at that time.

In community and organizational affairs, he has followed his interest in antique tractors and farm machinery by becoming a charter member of the Cedar Creek Antique Tractor and Engine Club and by serving as a board member and President of the Club for four years. He has been a member of the Farm Bureau and was asked by Dana Corporation to do some experimental testing on a new clutch design for farm tractors, a project he thoroughly enjoyed.

Jim cooperated with an invitation from the DeKalb County Extension Agent to participate in a Corn Plot Project for gathering statistical production data on various corn hybrids. He was a Board Member of the Farmers' Home Administration, was a member of the DeKalb County Fair Board as Superintendent of the Machinery Field for several years, was a member of the Northeast Indiana District Watershed Committee, and is currently serving a second term on the Board of Directors of the DeKalb Farm Mutual Insurance Company.

Politically, Jim's early activity in the Young Republicans eventually led to service which found him holding both elected and appointed offices. Currently, and for several years, he has been on the Corunna Cemetery Board. He has repeatedly been elected to serve as the Richland/Fairfield Township voting delegate to the state nominating conventions, has been a local Advisory Board Member, and served as Richland Township Trustee. He continues to be a Precinct Committeeman and has been a County Chairman Assistant. He has served on the DeKalb County Board of Zoning Appeals for over 20 years, and continues to serve. After receiving earlier Invitations to Presidential Inaugurals, he and Carolyn finally went to the Inauguration of George H.W. Bush in Washington, D.C. In January 2005 they also attended the inauguration of Indiana's governor as well.

Since retiring, Jim has a little more time for entertainment and recreation. He and Carolyn spent a week in Atlanta for the 1996 Olympics, and they have traveled to several major cities to attend NCAA Final Four basketball games. He also enjoys Indiana University basketball and travels to Bloomington for the games. He enjoys swimming and relaxing at Lake Gage, Steuben County, where he and Carolyn have a summer cottage. Gospel concerts have been a special interest, but activities and interests shared with his children and grandchildren take priority.

Submitted by Carolyn Stahl

John Benjamin Stahl

John Benjamin Stahl

John Benjamin Stahl was born 16 November 1864, in his parents home, a log cabin, southwest of Waterloo and he continued to live in Grant Township all his life. John, son of John Baltzer, born 18 September 1821, died 05 April 1901, and Elizabeth Mary (Rohm) Stahl, born 04 February 1824, died 13 November 1883, southwest of Auburn, in a log cabin. John's maternal grandparents were Simon Rohm, Sr., born 27 September 1785, died 03 April 1857, and Mary Ann (Miller) Rohm, born 15 January 1800, died 25 September 1855.

Simon had served in the German Army for nine years in the Napoleonic Wars. Elizabeth Mary Rohm had been born in Rhineburg, RontzWiten, Germany and was twelve years old when she sailed with her folks to this country. She cooked on the boat. Considered well-to-do in their native land, owning fifteen acres of land and two cows, they sold all they had to make the trip to America with their five living children. Some died in Germany and were buried there, while four more would be born in Holmes County, Ohio. After fifty-seven days on the ocean in an old, slow-going sailing vessel, they landed five dollars in debt.

John married Elizabeth "Lizzie" Haines, born 07 September 1868, died 10 May 1955, who was also born at home in Grant Township. Lizzie was the daughter of John and Amelia Haines.

Farmers by trade, John B. and Lizzie lived for years two miles east of Waterloo, where Clark was born. They bought thirty acres that had a log cabin on it. It was located east of Waterloo at the site of the present private landing strip and airport. The older children continued to tell stories in later years about their experiences in this log cabin and how windy nights resulted in rain or snow blowing in between the chinks in the logs and getting the blankets, kids, and everything else soaked in the loft which was the sleeping area for the children. The family continued to live at this location until Lizzie's mother died and they moved to the Haines home place to take care of her father, John Haines. Clark was in fifth grade at the time so he finished his normal school education by attending Tamarack School for his fifth and sixth grade years.

After the children grew into adulthood, the family continued to get together several times each year: Christmas dinner was held at the Stahl family home, a summer get-together at Winifred Winnie (Stahl) Carper's cottage on Crooked Lake was popular and so was the yearly trip to Cedar Point. The relatives in the Cedar Point area would meet the ones from the Willard, Ohio area at Cedar Point and spend the day in the park, stay overnight at Winnie's and return home on Monday.

John and Lizzie took their religion seriously and always went to church activities. When they would have four or five week revival meetings, they would go every night with the horses and bobsled. The church would be packed every night.

He died 13 July 1946. John was close to eighty-two when he died and Lizzie was nearly eighty-seven.

Submitted by Carolyn Stahl

John Stearns

John Stearns, son of Amos Stearns and Elizabeth McCool, was born in Morrow County, Ohio 03 December 1829. He was the oldest of five children. In 1838 the family moved to Troy Township in DeKalb County, Indiana. The family was one of the first to settle in Troy Township. His father Amos Stearns built the first frame house there and was the first postmaster in Arctic from 1850 till his death in 1860. Amos and Elizabeth are both buried in Hamilton Cemetery.

On 13 July 1856 John married Nancy E. Ward in Pleasant Lake, Indiana. Nancy was born 11 April 1833 in Ashtabula County, Ohio, to Alexander and Rebecca Gray Ward.

Her family moved to Steuben County in 1836, where she lived until she was married and moved to Troy Township to start a farm with her new husband. Alexander died October 1842, and Rebecca died 02 May 1881. They were members and liberal supporters of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

To this union was born one child, Mary Elizabeth, on 20 July 1859. Mary was married 05 December 1879 to Francis Leason. He was born in Erie County, Ohio 02 February 1854 to Joseph and Mary Sharp Leason. John and Nancy lived the rest of their lives on the family farm in Troy Township. They lived good and moral lives, and in 1891 they both claimed Christ as their Savior, and united with the West Zion United Brethren Church and were members until death. John passed away at their farm 09 February 1902 and Nancy 25 February 1905. They are both buried in Eddy Cemetery.

Submitted by Michael Slentz

Donna Jean (Olds) Steffe and Don E. Steffe

Don E Steffe and Donna Jean Olds

Don E. Steffe was born 31 May 1924 in Butler, Indiana. He was the son of Amos and Bertha (Emerick) Steffe. His paternal grandparents were Jacob and Susan (Deal) Steffe, of Williams County, Ohio, and his maternal grandparents were George and Emma (France) Emerick of Noble County, Indiana.

Donna Jean Olds was born 15 September 1925, the daughter of James and Clarissa (Poper) Olds near Butler. Her paternal grandparents were Lafayette and Emily (McCurdy) Olds. Her maternal grandparents were Ira and Viola (Hart) Poper of Defiance, Ohio.

Don graduated from Butler High School in 1942 and Donna from Butler in 1943. Following graduation, Don enlisted in the U.S. Air Corps, where he was commissioned as a second Lieutenant. He piloted a B-24 Bomber based in England and flew food and supplies to the underground in Norway.

Don and Donna were married 30 November 1945, at the Methodist Church in Butler. In 1946, they moved to Angola, Indiana, where Don attended Tri-State College, receiving his degree in aeronautics and business engineering in 1950. After twelve years with Gametime Corporation in Litchfield, Michigan, the Steffe family moved to San Diego, California. Don worked for General Dynamics when they constructed the Atlas missile. In 1970, they moved to San Jose, California, where he was employed by Lockheed as a Budget Analyst.

While in Butler, Donna was an office employee at Marshall Clothing Company. In Cupertino, California, she was a senior administration assistant for the Motorla Computer Systems.

Don and Donna have four daughters: Terri, Jacque, Peggy, Jayne. They also have one son, Joseph David. Terri is married to Dr.

James Harrell and lives in San Diego, California. Jacque Siemers was an executive secretary at Lockheed in San Jose, California. Jacque died 16 May 1995 and is interred on the Olds family plot in Butler Cemetery. Peggy married Ernest Hintz and they live in San Mateo, California. Jayne Steffe lives in San Diego, California. Joe lives in Rancho Bernardo, California.

Don and Donna have six grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

The Steffe family reside in El Cajon, California and are members of The Methodist Church.

Submitted by Helen Wilson

George Stomm

George Stomm was born 05 November 1799 in Baden, Germany. His parents were Johan Jacob Stomm and Margareth Benz.

George married 22 February 1829 in Hilsbach, Baden, Germany, to Eva Margareth Holzworth (b. 17 June 1800 Germany). Her parents were Daniel Holzworth and Anna Barbara Meir.

George and Eva Margareth had six children: Katharina Stamm (b. 27 November 1831 Germany), (Georg) Heinrich "Henry" Stamm, born 24 March 1833 Germany, Eva Margaretha Stamm, (b. 14 September 1834 Germany), Daniel Stamm (b. 09 September 1836 Germany), Barbara Stamm (b. 19 May 1838 Germany), Karoline Stamm (b. 11 October 1843 d. 16 April 1845 Germany).

George Stamm immigrated from Hilsbach, Germany in 1854 to Pittsburgh Ohio, stayed there for a short time before coming to DeKalb County, Indiana.

The spelling Stamm is the German spelling. When arriving in America the spelling was changed to Stomm.

George died 11 April 1871. Eva Margareth died 08 April 1884 and both are buried in the County Line Cemetery in Steuben County, Indiana.

Submitted by Rita K. Nichols

Henry Stomm

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Henry Stomm was born 24 March 1~~883~~ 1833 in Elsenz, Baden, Germany. His parents were George Stomm and Margaret Holtzworth.

Henry married 09 January 1859 in DeKalb County, Anna Mariah Gettz (b. 13 February 1840 in Pennsylvania). Her parents were William Gettz and Eliza Hosler. Henry married his second wife, Mary Catherine Schreber Bickle on 27 January 1885. Henry and Anna Mariah Stomm had 10 children: Sarah Catherine (b. 15 March 1860 d. 02 May 1863), Daniel D. (b. 20 May 1862), Elizabeth (b. 05 July 1864), Amanda (b. 28 January 28 January 1867 d. 30 December 1867), Moses (b. March 20 1868), William (b. 09 October 1871), Mary Luisa (b. 05 April 1874), Nora Adline (twin b. 07 February 1877 DeKalb County), Cora A. (twin b. 08 February 1877 DeKalb County), Clara Anne (b. 29 October 1879 DeKalb County).

Henry died 28 February 1907 in DeKalb County. Anna Mariah died 01 October 1882. Both are buried in the County Line Cemetery in Steuben County, Indiana. Mary Catherine Schreber Bickle Stomm died 15 March 1908.

Submitted by Rita K. Nichols

The Strong Family

The Strong family consisted of Lloyd George, Blanche Ellen, Grant Frederick, Harry Leslie, Alice Joan, June, and Coral May. They were the children of George and LuReign Thomas Strong.

Lloyd George was born 03 May 1919 and died 01 September 2005. He married (1) Katherine Irene Dickerhoof 29 June 1939. She was born 01 April 1920 and died 24 January 2003, (2) Berniece Annette Drake 23 June 1950. She was born 16 October 1920 and died 22 November 1990. (3) Willabelle Hageman 20 November 1991. She was born 30 May 1923 and died 31 January 1996.

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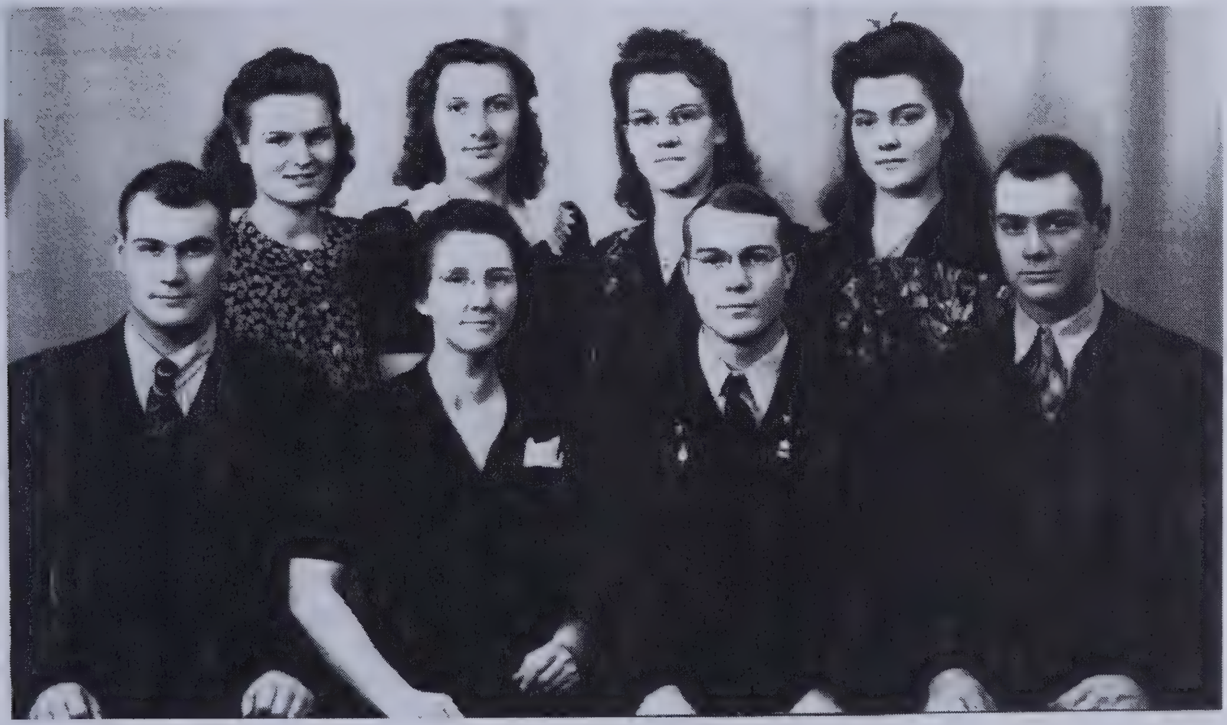


The Strong Family:

Front ,L to R: Lloyd, LuReign, Grant, Harry
Back: Alice, Blanche, June, Coral.

Blanche Ellen was born 04 September 1920 and died 03 August 2001. She married (1) Merritt Eugene Newton 20 January 1942. He was born 21 January 1906 and died 01 July 1946 and (2) Wendell Allen Cook 03 June 1950. He was born 18 January 1928. He married Rozella (Baughman) Mickelson in December 2002.

Grant Frederick was born 30 January 1923 and married Faye Ethel Alwood 28 June 1952. She was born 04 May 1921 and died 10 July 1997.

Harry Leslie was born 27 May 1925 and married Lois Jean Tomlinson 14 February 1947. She was born 29 July 1927.

Alice Joan was born 27 May 1925 and married Ralph Waldo Hose 31 March 1944. He was born 22 November 1917 and died 27 April 2000.

June was born 18 June 1927 married Arvill Buell Brown 13 October 1944. He was born 05 August 1923.

Coral May was born 12 May 1929 and married (1) Raymond Arthur Mutzfeld 03 October 1947. He was born 21 July 1924 and died 29 January 1997. (2) Ernest Clarence Steckley 12 May 1961. He was born 12 February 1919 and died 20 July 1994.

Submitted by June Brown

Ephraim B. Strong

Ephraim B. Strong was born 05 July 1819, presumably in Geauga County, Ohio. His parents were Daniel B. and Eunice (Bundy) Strong, who entered land in Section 8, Newville Township, DeKalb County, in 1836.

He married Marietta Elvira Louisa Robison, 28 May 1840. She was born 26 March 1820, in Trumbull County, Ohio, a daughter of Ralph F. and Elizabeth (Pryer) Robison.

Marietta and her family moved into Newville Township in 1839. She was the first licensed school teacher of the common schools in DeKalb County, riding to Auburn in a wagon and receiving $1.50 per week for her services. She also taught in Newville Township before and after her marriage. She kept extensive diaries which contain many inspiring thoughts, meditations, poems, and Scripture quotations, which give insights into her character and deep faith. She was very hospitable, entertaining company almost daily, over night guests, as well as guests for breakfast, dinner, tea and supper. She was also an excellent seamstress, as evidenced by the incredibly small stitch lengths and her devotion to detail in some of the clothing that she left behind. She corresponded with friends and relatives who had moved to other communities and to distant states.

The children of Ephraim and Marietta Strong were: (1) Henry B. Strong, born 28 April 1843, and married Anna L. Leitch about 1876. They had one child, Louise. (2) William Leslie, born 11 November 1849, and married Lydia Ellen Scoville 14 April 1889. Their children were Hugh Scoville, Mary, and George Leslie. (3) Ida Gertrude, born September 1852 and married Andrew C. Harrod 04 September 1873. No children. (4) Lisbon Emerson, born 25 February 1857. Lisbon drowned in a creek at age 15 months.

Ephraim was a farmer in Newville Township. He was active in the affairs of the community and served as township trustee. He was a stockholder in the Newville Academy. He served as chainman on several land surveys in that area. In 1865 Ephraim sold his land in Newville Township and bought land near Edgerton, Williams County, Ohio. In addition to farming, he owned an orchard and sold apples. He also owned a scale which brought in extra money. People from miles around brought hogs, cattle, and other animals to be weighed on his scales. In

1882 he bought back the Strong homestead and moved back to Newville in January of 1883, where he and Marietta spent the remainder of their lives.

Ephraim and Marietta were charter members of the Newville Church of Christ, which was established in about 1843. Their home contained a library of good books covering a wide range of interests, hymnals, Bibles, and many complete collections of Christian periodicals.

Ephraim died 11 November 1900. Marietta Elvira Louisa Robison died 13 January 1905.

Submitted by June Brown

LuReign (Thomas) and George Leslie Strong

George Leslie Strong

George Leslie Strong was born 17 May 1894 in Newville Township, DeKalb County. His parents were William Leslie and Lydia Ellen (Scoville) Strong.

George received his elementary schooling in the Newville School. He graduated from Butler High School in 1914 as valedictorian of his class. He then attended Tri-State Normal College, at Angola, where he received his teacher's diploma. He taught school for one term at the Hablawetz School in Wilmington Township. In 1916 he entered Purdue University to pursue the study of agriculture. He served on the debating team while there. He excelled in his courses in animal husbandry.

He married LuReign Thomas 17 May 1918 in her parents' home in Newville. She was born 02 January 1898, in Butler, to Frederick Arthur and Blanche (Gates) Thomas.

George managed the Scoville farms in Wilmington Township for his uncle, Charles Reign Scoville, for about two years. This was their first home after their marriage. In 1919, George and LuReign, in partnership with George's brother, Hugh, bought a 216-acre farm in Section 14 in Concord Township, In addition to farming this land, George, LuReign, and Hugh farmed the Strong homestead in Section 7 of Newville Township, containing 120 acres.

During George's lifetime the farming endeavors included raising Hereford cattle, a large hog-raising enterprise, grain farming, and extensive truck farming, under the name of Strong Brothers Farms. They sold produce in the Tri-State area, to both wholesale and retail markets. George was well known throughout the area and was often called upon to appraise property, and to estimate the weight of hogs, cattle, and horses, where scales were unavailable. He was also a good carpenter. He was progressive in his thinking, always looking for better means of performing operations. In politics he was a Republican.

George was baptized into Christ by Fred A. Thomas, his future father-in-law. He was a member of the Newville Church of Christ, and served as Bible School superintendent, elder, and teacher. He sought the welfare of others before his own. He was a robust, hard-working man, with a real zest for life.

LuReign received her education in many schools, as her father was a minister and they moved to different places of ministry. Before her marriage she worked in grocery stores, a department store, and as a switch board operator. She was an excellent business woman and manager of time and resources.

She was a member of the Newville Church of Christ, where she served as a teacher for many years. She also edited *The Newville Bugler* during World War II, a publication containing news and pictures of local interest, which she sent to all of the area servicemen. She was a gifted writer and wrote poems and inspirational articles and stories. She served as mid-wife for several area doctors, in the delivery of over 50 babies in the homes. In her later years she made at least 135 Medley pictures, the art of incorporating the pieces of many pictures into one scene or one montage. She learned this art from her mother. She also spent much time on genealogical work.

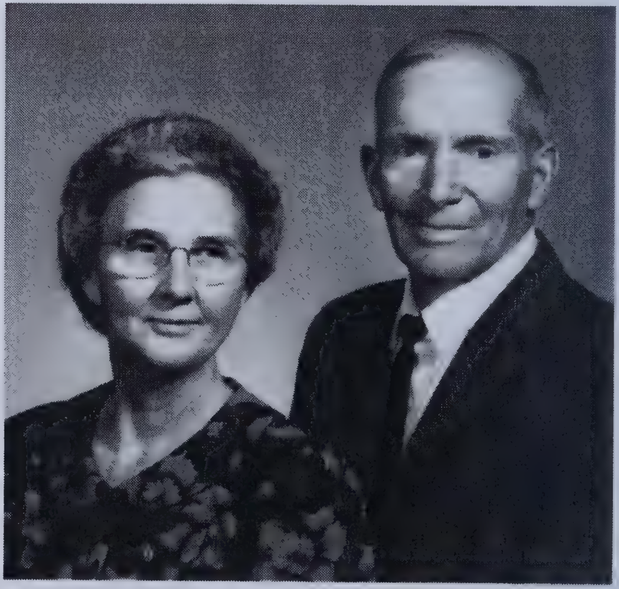
The seven children of George and LuReign (Thomas) Strong were: Lloyd George, Blanche Ellen, Grant Frederick, Harry Leslie, Alice Joan, June, Coral May.

George died 16 February 1937 at home. LuReign died 08 August 1987 in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Submitted by June Brown

Hugh Scoville Strong

Hugh Scoville Strong was born 08 August 1890, at Newville, DeKalb County, the oldest child of William Leslie and Lydia Ellen (Scoville) Strong. Hugh attended school in the 2-story brick school in Newville. Then he attended Tri-State Normal College, at Angola in 1911, and distinguished himself in the debating society there. Due to the lack of money, he returned home and devoted his life to helping his sister and brother, Mary and George, in getting their education, and carrying on the work of the farm. Two words would sum up his life--work and sacrifice. He spent his entire life for others, as his own personal needs were very small.



LuReign (Thomas) Strong and Hugh Scoville Strong

Even though Hugh was not a school teacher, he was an excellent teacher, nonetheless. He would begin with the basics and when they were understood by the person being taught, he would continue with more difficult instructions. He was patient and thorough in his instructions. He was very proficient in math and could work most problems in his head, and quickly. He had an excellent memory. He could recite the alphabet backwards as quickly as a person could recite it from A to Z. He memorized the Sermon on the Mount, and many other passages of Scripture. He continued to school himself by reading the newspapers and articles of interest.

Hugh was very frugal and conservative. He did not waste anything, and would use something until it was beyond repair. He was willing to do without. He lived through the Depression and other difficult financial times, so did not waste. He lived without running water, electricity, and central heat until his marriage in 1941, and he did not complain. Even though he was frugal himself, he saw the needs of others, and was very generous in fulfilling their needs.

In addition to working on both of the Strong farms, Hugh worked in the winter months at Magnavox and Joslyn Steel at Fort Wayne, during World War II. And he worked on the farms from dawn to late at night; his work was never done. He was considered one of the strongest men in DeKalb County. He could lift the front end of a tractor or automobile off the ground. People marveled at his strength. Whenever a lot of muscle was needed for a task, people would call on him and he would be there to lend his assistance.

Hugh lived the Golden Rule and the Sermon on the Mount, attended various churches in the area, but didn't become a Christian until 24 June 1936, when he and his father, age 87, were baptized by J. O. Rose. After that he was a faithful member of the Newville Church of Christ

Hugh and his father lived together in the Strong homestead house after his mother died in 1935. When his father died in 1940, Hugh was left alone in the house. He continued farming operations with LuReign and her children. Four years after George's death, Hugh and LuReign were married. He married LuReign (Thomas) Strong (widow of his brother, George) 29 January 1941. They continued to live on the farm until their deaths.

Hugh died 23 February 1968, after a long battle with leukemia. LuReign died 08 August 1987, of congestive heart failure following a broken hip. They lie with George in the Newville Riverview Cemetery.

Submitted by June Brown

William Leslie Strong

William "Leslie" Strong was born 11 November 1849, in Newville Township, DeKalb County, a son of Ephraim B. and Marietta Elvira Louisa (Robison) Strong. Leslie attended elementary school at Newville. He also attended the Vienna Academy and excelled in reading and mathematics. He was an avid reader and was able to converse with anyone about the present as well as history. He kept informed about politics and the news of the times. He served as Newville Township trustee for a period of time.

Leslie was a farmer and gardener. He had a vegetable and flower garden every year of his adult life until his death. He was an excellent carpenter and could make anything that was needed, such as strawberry carriers, screen doors, and windows. He was a slender and handsome man with a quick and lively stride. He had a pleasant and peaceful nature, and possessed a good sense of humor. He worked hard all of his life.

He married Lydia Ellen "Ella" Scoville 14 April 1889. She was born 12 December 1859 in Newville Township, DeKalb County, to William Henry and Mary Ann (Dickerhoof) Scoville.

Ella was a school teacher. She received her teacher's diploma from Tri-State Normal College at Angola, Indiana. Her first year of teaching was in 1877. Her 23 years of teaching experience was represented in nearly every school in DeKalb County, as well as one year at Chillicothe, Missouri, just prior to her marriage.

One of Ella's traits was that she was very frugal. She threw nothing away if it could possibly be used in some way. She was very good about keeping in touch with relatives and friends, keeping genealogical notes, and writing people's names and relationships on the back of photographs.

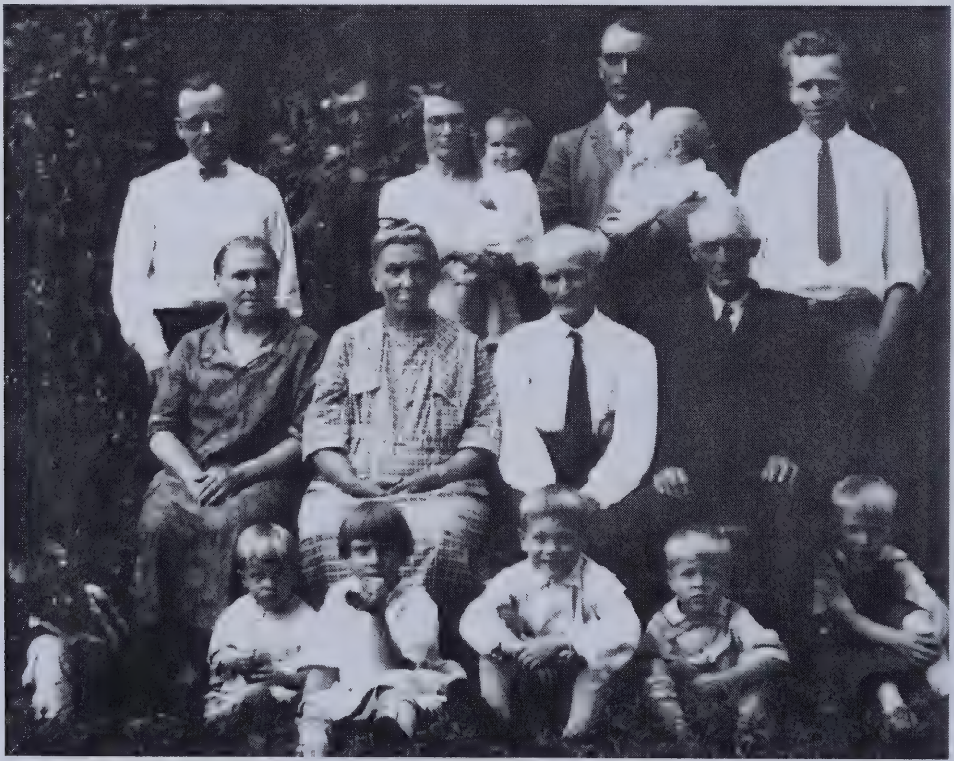
Ella became a Christian at the age of twelve. She was a member of the Newville Church of Christ, and was faithful to her commitment until her death.

The children of Leslie and Ella Strong were: (1) Hugh Scoville, born 08 August 1890. No children. (2) Mary, born 20 April 1893, married Harvey Krupp Schondelmayer. Their children were Harvey Reign, Robert Hugh, and Harold Junior and (3) George Leslie, born 17 May 1894, married LuReign Thomas. Their children were: Lloyd George, Blanche Ellen, Grant Frederick, Harry Leslie, Alice Joan, June, and Coral May.

Although Leslie believed in God and his Savior, and lived a life of righteousness, clean in speech and in conduct, he was 87 years of age when he confessed Jesus as his Lord and was baptized in the St. Joseph River near Newville. His son Hugh was baptized the same day.

Ella died 12 April 1935 and Leslie died 22 March 1940. Both Leslie and Ella died in their home on the Strong homestead.

Submitted by June Brown



L to R: Back: *Harvey Schondelmayer, Hugh Strong, Mary Schondelmayer holding Alice Strong, George Strong holding Harry Strong, Deloss Hadsell.*
Middle: *Ida Hadsell, Ella Strong, Camillus Hadsell, and Leslie Strong.*
Front:*Reign & Harold Schondelmayer, Blanche, Lloyd & Grant Strong, and Robert Schondelmayer.*

Taken in 1926; LuReign Strong may have taken the photo, as she is not pictured.
NOTE: Ida and Ella are sisters. Mary, Hugh and George are siblings.

Mark Edward Swaim and Kathie Jean Oiler

Mark Edward Swaim was born 19 December 1947 in Indianapolis, Indiana. He was adopted at age one by John Sebold (b. 05 June 1914 Park County, Indiana) and Dorothy (Jenkins) Swaim (b. 19 January 1910 Indiana Harbor, Indiana d. 04 December 2002 Indianapolis, Indiana). He attended grade school at Nora School, Indianapolis, Indiana, and high school in Columbus, Wisconsin. He graduated from Carmel (Indiana) High School on 06 June 1966. As a youth, Mark sold newspapers in Columbus, Wisconsin and worked summers for Stokley-VanCamp where his father was employed. He attended Indiana State University, Terre Haute Indiana from 1966 – 1968. He joined the United States Navy in 1968 and attended boot camp in San Diego, California. He was a member of the Sea Bees (Construction Battalion) and stationed at Kingsville Naval Air Station in Texas and at Davisville, Rhode Island. He served in Vietnam with Mobil Construction Battalion 7 for ten months, 1969-1970.

He was also stationed in Naples, Italy until his honorable discharge from the Navy in 1972. He remained a member of the Sea Bees Reserve for 20 years, attending annual trainings in Cuba and Porto Rico as well as numerous areas in the United States.

After discharge from the Navy, Mark attended Purdue University, Fort Wayne campus and graduated with an Associate Degree in Supervision and Civil Engineering Technology and a BS in Construction Technology. In 1974 he was employed by the Indiana Air National Guard in Fort Wayne, Indiana as a Draftsman. In 1990 he moved to the position of Facilities Manager with the Military Department of Indiana at Stout Field, Indianapolis.

Mark's interests include collecting British sport cars, specifically Triumph TR-7's and TR-4's as well as Cleveland Indians baseball and birding.

While attending ISU, Mark met Kathie Jean Oiler. They were married 13 September 1969 at the United Methodist Church (East Main Street) Butler Indiana.

Kathie Jean Oiler was born 05 November 1946 in Auburn. Indiana. She was adopted as a new born by Forrest Lamar (b. 24 January 1912 Moore, Indiana d. 24 November 1998 Butler) and Marcella (Powers) Oiler (b. 30 January 1913 Butler d. 26 June 2001 Butler). Kathie attended grade school in Butler and graduated from Eastside High School, Butler, Indiana 05 May 1965. As a girl and teen Kathie attended Girl Scout camp at Camp Ella J. Logan on Dewert Lake in Syracuse, Indiana. She worked as a counselor at Camp Evelyn, Sheboygan Girl Scout Council, Wisconsin, and returned to work at Camp Logan in 1966. She was there summers until 1969.

She attended Indiana State University, Terre Haute, Indiana and graduated June 1969 with a BS in Social Studies Education. After their marriage Kathie and Mark lived in Rhode Island and in Naples, Italy. In Italy, Kathie taught English as a Second Language for the American Studies Center and also tutored private students.

When they returned to the United States, Kathie and Mark moved to Kathie's father's family home in Moore, Wilmington Township, Indiana.

This family property was settled originally in 1854 by Aaron D. Moore (b. 17 January 1831 Canal Fulton, Stark County, Ohio d. 1913 Moore, Indiana) The property passed to several of his nine children including Margaret A. (Moore) Forrest (b. 31 January 1855 Moore Indiana d. 1942 Moore Indiana) and then to her daughter Ethel (Forrest) Oiler (b. 27 September 1887 Moore, Indiana d. 07

November 1970 Butler, Indiana). Kathie's father, Forrest L. Oiler was the son of Ethel and Fred Oiler (b. 11 August 1886 DeKalb County, Indiana d. 19 September 1968 Auburn, Indiana).

In 1974 Kathie was employed by Fort Wayne Area Consortium (CETA) as DeKalb County Coordinator and later as MIS Coordinator. In 1979 she returned to graduate school at Indiana University School of Public and Environmental Affairs, Bloomington, Indiana graduating with a Master's degree in Public Management. She was employed as Deputy Director of Administration for Job Works in Fort Wayne from 1982 to 1989. In 1989 she formed Alternatives, Inc. with business partner Karen (Houser) Parker of LaOtto. They provide management and development consultation to nonprofit organizations.

Kathie remains an active Girl Scout volunteer with Limberlost Council and is involved with the Camp Logan Alumnae organization. She is also a member of the Friends of the Butler Public Library.

Mark and Kathie remodeled the family home at Moore in 2002 and they currently enjoy family history and gardening there. They also enjoy traveling, birding and good food.

Submitted by Kathy Swaim

Christian Teutsch and Almira Alice Charles

Christian Teutsch was the son of Michael Teutsch (b.17 January 1818 d. 14 March 1900) and Sarah Zwilling/Swilling (b. 15 July 1815 d. 29 June 1894). Christian was born in Alsace Lorraine, France on 15 April 1852. He came to America in 1860 with his parents and siblings. They settled in Franklin Township, DeKalb County, Indiana.

Clara (Hanes) McCague and
Almira (Charles) Teutsch
Age 97
Clara was Almira's Caregiver at the toward the end of Almira's life.

Christian married Almira Alice Charles 08 May 1883. Almira was born 16 May 1851 in Etna, Ohio, to John Charles (b. 1810) and Hannah Van Buskirk Charles (Parkinson) (d. 28 March 1893 at age 78). Almira came to Indiana with her family in the year of 1856 and settled with an Aunt, Mrs Kate Wilson, three miles north of Butler until a log cabin could be built to call their home. The first tree that was cut on the eighty acres was used to start their cabin. The railroad took three acres to build tracks for the work trains and a year later passenger trains.

Christian and Almira had one daughter, Fidalous "Fay" Gennetta Teutsch, who was born 29 December 1889.

Christian and Almira resided on a farm west of Butler, Indiana, until Christian's death in 05 March 1927. Christian was a farmer, owning cows, and at one time ran a saloon in Butler. He was described by a relative as an "ordinary farmer" who never even bought a car. He attended services at the Waterloo Full Gospel Mission.

Almira was described by a relative, Ialeene Theisen, as "jolly and nice to visit with". Her obituary states "her smile will long be remembered."

A short time after Christian's death the old farm home was sold and Almira moved to West Oak Street in Butler where she resided until, due to poor health and advanced age, it became necessary to close her home and go to the Carpenter Convalescent home for about two years. On 02 August 1946, she was taken to the home of Clara (Hanes) McCague, west of Butler, where she was cared for until she passed away 19 September 1948.

Submitted by Amanda Wells

L to R: Christian and Almira (Charles) Teutsch, Fidaleous (Teutsch) Gallogher and George Gallogher.

Fidaleous Teutsch and Charles Gallogher

According to her birth record, she was born 29 December 1884. Her parents were Christian and Almira (Charles) Teutsch.

She was a member of the Church of God of Butler, Indiana. Fidaleous was a lady of fashion and had many photographs taken of her wearing different hats that were in style in her time era.

She married George Gallogher and resided in Toledo, Ohio. George died about 1926 in Toledo, Ohio. On 06 November 1927, Fay, aged about forty years, was horse-back riding with a party of seven when her horse stumbled, throwing her over its head, causing her to light on her head and shoulders. She died at the East Side hospital, at Toledo, where she was taken following the accident. Fay's name was spelled many different ways, Fidalous, Fidelius, Fedelious, Fidelis, and Faydillas. Fidalous was the way it was spelled in her handwriting.

The week before she died, she was in Butler and was planning on returning to Butler to close the home of her mother. She then was going to take Almira back to Toledo with her over the winter. She is buried in the Butler cemetery. She may have lied about her age as it was stated she was born 1889 in her obituary, which is exactly five years younger than she actually was.

Submitted by Amanda Wells

Michael Teutsch and Sarah Zwilling/Swilling

Michael Teutsch, son of Peter Teutsch, was born 17 January 1818 in Alsace, France. He came to America in 1860 with three sons, one daughter, and his wife, Sarah Zwilling/Swilling, born in Alsace near Strausburg, France. Three sons and one daughter also died in the old country. They settled in Franklin Township, DeKalb County, Indiana where another daughter was born. Their five surviving children were: George (b. about 1840 d. 24 May 1874), Peter (b. 22 March 1850 d. 1913), Christian W. (b. 15 April 1852 d. 05 March 1927), Sarah (b. 06 February 1855 d. 03 March 1907), Mary (b. 10 March 1862 d. 13 September 1957).

George married Priscilla Moore 31 December 1866 in DeKalb County, Indiana. He was a member of the Eighty-eighth Volunteer Infantry during the Civil War. He mustered in 03 August 1862 and mustered out 07 June 1865.

Peter married Artimisia Olds 05 January 1873. Artimisia was born in DeKalb County on 19 January 1854. She was the daughter of Carlisle/Carlyle and Elizabeth Olds. She died 04 August 1917. They had four children, Frank Buton, Leota M., Sarah E., Foster O. Peter was a farmer in Franklin Township, owning seventy-three acres. Peter was always a republican and had a neighbor who was a Democrat. They were good friends and would walk to vote together. They would always joke that they were killing each other's vote.

Christian married Almira Alice Charles 08 May 1883. Almira was born 16 May 1851 in Etna, Ohio, to John Charles and Hanna Van Buskirk. She died 19 September 1948 in Butler, Indiana. They had one daughter, Fidalous Gennetta Teutsch. Fidalous was born in 1885. She married George Gallogher and resided in Toledo Ohio until her death on 27 November 1927 from a fall from a horse. Christian owned cows and at one time ran a saloon in Butler.

Sarah married William J. Olds on 15 March 1874. William was born 27 December 1847 and died at his home in DeKalb

County on 25 August 1895. They had seven children. Charley was born 19 December 1874 and died 06 September 1875. Cora was born 21 March 1880 and died 30 December 1903. She was married to George Hull.

Mary married Thomas H. Tomlinson about 10 November 1879. Thomas was the son of James Tomlinson and Mary Savil. He was born in Ireland 14 September 1836. They had two children. Deta Leola Tomlinson was born 03 October 1881 and died in 1967. An infant son was born 10 December 1883 and died 29 February 1884.

Michael died 14 March 1900. Sarah died 29 June 1894.

Submitted by Amanda Wells

Peter Teutsch and Artimisia Olds

Peter Teutsch was born 22 March 1850, the son of Michael Teutsch and Sarah Zwilling/Swilling. Peter was born in Alsace, France. He came to America in the fall of 1860 with his parents and his siblings. They settled in Franklin Township, DeKalb County.

He married Artimisia Olds 05 January 1873. Artimisia was born in DeKalb County, 19 January 1854, daughter of Carlisle/Carlyle and Elizabeth Olds. Carlisle was an early settler of DeKalb County.

Peter was a farmer in Franklin Township, owning seventy-three acres. Peter was always a Republican and had a neighbor who was a Democrat. They were good friends and would walk to vote together. They would always joke that they were killing each other's vote. Artimisia was a charter member of the United Brethren Church in Butler.

Peter and Artimisia had four children: Frank Buton (b. 13 March 1875 d. 1941), Leota M., Sarah E. (b.1879 d.1880), Foster O. (b. 1888 d. 18 April 1954). Peter Teutsch died in 1913 and Artimisia died 04 August 1917.

Frank Teutsch spent his early life on the home farm and acquired a common school education. On 20 June 1898, he married Saloma Mark, who was born in Franklin Township in 1879. Frank had a farm of eighty acres. He was a republican in politics. Saloma died in 1949. Frank and Saloma had three children: Bessie Mildred, Loren, and Kenneth LeRoy. Bessie Mildred, born 25 February 1904, married Elmer A. Gaff (11 June 1904 d. 1981) son of Orange Elmer Gaff and Maud Minerva Hewen. They had one son, Max Elmer Gaff (b. 19 October 1927) who married Donnabell Gaff (b. 19 August 1931) and they had three children: Linda, Michael, and Kathy. These families all resided in the area near Butler, Indiana. Loren lived in Phoenix Arizona. Kenneth LeRoy was born in Troy Township 11 December 1908. He married Ruth Johnson 10 March 1937 in Albion, Indiana. She was born in Knox County to Simon and Mary Wildeman Johnson.

Leota M. was born in 1877. Leota married Orton E. Eakwright 13 September 1897 in Butler, Indiana. She then married Logan E. Woods, son of James Darwin Woods and Martha A. Martin. They had one son Howard Millard Woods (b. 22 January 1903) who resided in Toledo, Ohio.

Foster O. was born in Franklin Township, DeKalb County, Indiana. He married Elsie J. Campbell, (b. 1887 d. 1979). His family lived on the family farm. They had three children: Jerald Eugene, Elizabeth Ialeene, and Allen. Jerald Eugene was born 31 August 1909 and died 13 February 1946. Elizabeth Ialeene "Ialeene" was born 28 May 1911. She married Paul Theisen (30 December 1912 d. 14 February 1988) 13 June 1943 at the United Brethren Church, Butler, Indiana. Ialeene worked at Higley Printing Company in Butler, Indiana before her marriage. She worked at Orel in Bryan, Ohio, during WWII, at the Oak, Basket Factory in Bryan, and retired in 1978 from Spangler Candy Company in Bryan. She considers herself a Republican, like her father, although she didn't keep up with politics. Allen (b. 1923 d. 1989) married Virginia Lee Raney (b. 1932). Allen used to love to go visit Chris Teutsch when he was four and loved their dog named "Chubby". Allen and Virginia had two children: Phillip Allen (d. 02 October 1955 d. 1963), Anthony Dale (b. 22 November 1950) who married Marianne Jordan (born in Louisiana) and they reside in Sugarland, Texas.

Submitted by Amanda Wells

Frederick Arthur Thomas Family

Frederick Arthur Thomas was born 18 April 1860, to Vincent and Cecelia (Oaks) Thomas in Porter County, Indiana, the fifth of nine children.

Fred was a well known and respected minister of the Gospel from 1896 until his death 25 February 1932. He ministered to most of the Churches of Christ and Christian Churches in DeKalb County, as well as in many churches in neighboring counties. He also served churches in Ohio, southern Indiana and at Colville, Washington.

In addition to his knowledge of the Bible and his dedication to preaching the Word of God, Fred possessed unusual musical talent. He entered Northern Indiana School of Music at Valparaiso, where he met Blanche Gates, who was enrolled as a student in voice and piano at the same school. They graduated with degrees in music a week before their marriage.

He married Blanche Gates, daughter of Ransom and Abigail (Ellis) Gates, of Steuben County, 08 August 1886.

The children who were born to Frederick and Blanche (Gates) Thomas were: Princess Cecelia, Harry Otis, and LuReign.

Fred & Blanche (Gates) Thomas and children; clockwise from upper right: Frederick, Princess, Blanche, LuReign & Harry.

Princess Cecelia was born 29 April 1889 and married Homer Casebere, 09 March 1909. Their children were Mable LuReign, Harold Ransom, and Rachel Mary.

Harry Otis was born 05 June 1894 and married first, Cecil White, and second, Viola (Battin) Lipput, 02 July 1927. Viola had one child, Betty Lipput, who was adopted by Harry Otis Thomas.

LuReign was born 02 January 1898 and married first, George Leslie Strong, 17 May

1918, and second, Hugh Scoville Strong, 29 January 1941, after the death of George, Hugh's brother. The children of George and LuReign Strong were Lloyd George, Blanche Ellen, Grant Frederick, Harry Leslie, Alice Joan, June, and Coral May.

Fred's accurate knowledge of music and unusual ability as a song leader and soloist, together with the cooperation of his gifted wife, enabled them to conduct successful concert tours in the United States.

After the birth of their first child, they turned to other pursuits. Fred taught music at Sherwood College, in Michigan, conducted music schools in several communities, and served as a singing evangelist. It was during this period of time, serving as song evangelist for meetings conducted by evangelist Charles Reign Scoville (his daughter later married a nephew of Charles Reign Scoville) and Minister J. O. Rose, and fervently studying the Scriptures, Fred was called to the ministry himself. He preached with force and earnestness, and his music was an inspiration and blessing to the thousands who heard him.

His first wife died 20 November 1920, following complications from the flu. Later he drove to California and Washington and assisted Blanche's brother, Pyrl O. Gates, in several gospel meetings. In the church at Colville, Washington, he met and married his second wife, a widow, Hattie (Jacobs) Botts Davis, 06 March 1922. They returned to Indiana, where Fred held several ministries in the southern part of the state.

Fred's last ministries were with the West Milford (Ohio) Church of Christ and the Newville Church of Christ, which he began in late summer of 1931. He delivered his last sermon February 14 and the Lord called him home 25 February, 1932, at Newville. His friend, J. O. Rose, conducted the funeral service.

Hattie Thomas returned to Washington several years after Fred's death, where she died 09 August 1966, near her daughter, Josephine Johnson, at Clarkston. Hattie was a true helpmate in all of Fred's labors, and a loving and devoted wife.

Submitted by June Brown

Howard and Patricia Thomas

Howard Elton Thomas and Patricia Louise Collins

Howard Elton Thomas was born 02 July 1949 in Auburn, Indiana. Howard is the son of Wayne Goodwin and Margaret Joyce (Atkinson) Thomas.

Howard attended Auburn schools and graduated from DeKalb High School in 1968.

After graduation Howard enlisted in the United States Navy. After his discharge from the Navy, Howard worked for a short time at Brammal Inc. in Angola, Indiana. In 1972, he went to work for Dana Weatherhead Division in Angola, and worked there for 22 years when the plant closed down.

Howard is a member of the American Legion and a life member of the National Rifle Association.

Howard married Patricia Louise Collins on 15 April 1999.

Patricia is the daughter of Roy Calvin and Catherine Eva (Edwards) Collins. Patricia was born in Winchester, Indiana on 17 June 1940. Her family lived in Phoenix, Arizona until she was five years old. They moved back to Winchester, Indiana before moving to Angola, Indiana in 1949. She attended school in the Angola school system until graduating in 1958. Patricia worked at the B & K Root Beer stand during the summer and Rogers Drug Store during school until graduation. She had four children from a previous marriage. They are: Michael Douglas Curtis born 19 February 1959 Cherry Point, North Carolina; David Lawrence Curtis, born 12 October 1960 Angola, Indiana; Troy Lyn Curtis, born 06 July 1963 Angola, Indiana; Cynthia Lynne Curtis, born 23 March 1972 Angola, Indiana.

She attended and graduated from Ivy Tech Nursing School in 1991 as a Licensed Practical Nurse. She worked at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn until retiring 30 September 2005.

Howard and Patricia's hobby is driving and showing their 1978 Indianapolis 500 Corvette Pace Car and their 1998 Indianapolis 500 Corvette Pace Car. They are members of the National Corvette Museum in Bowling Green, Kentucky and members of the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum, NATMUS and the World War II Victory Museum in Auburn, Indiana.

Submitted by Howard Elton Thomas

Standing: Joseph Livergood
Seated l to r: Aaron V. Thomas and Nelson D. Thomas

John M. Thomas

John M. Thomas married Catharine Kerstetter 22 January 1852 at Canton, Stark County, Ohio. Her name has been found as Mary Catharine, Kathleen Castator and Kastetter. The first spelling listed above was the way it was on her marriage license to John Thomas. She was born 1827/1828 in Ohio and died 17 September 1896. As of this printing, the compiler has never located an obituary or a grave. She was born to John Adam Kerstetter and Charity Zettle.

To this union was born two sons, Nelson D. Thomas on 12 March 1854 in Ashland County, Ohio. He married Margaret J. Herrick on 07 December 1876 and died 14 December 1921 and is buried at St. Joe, DeKalb County, Indiana.

Aaron V. Thomas was born 28 September 1855 in Mooresville, DeKalb County, Indiana. Aaron married Mary and he died 01 February 1917 and is buried in Edgerton, Williams County, Ohio

Catharine remarried in 1856 to Isaac Livergood.

Submitted by Irene Olney

Jonathan Park Thomas and Grace Adele Goodwin

Jonathan Park Thomas was born 28 April 1878 in Edon, Ohio. Jonathan was the son of John Wesley and Phebe (Everhart) Thomas. Jonathan attended the Hamilton, Indiana, public schools, from which he graduated. His first employment was with the Auburn Courier with which paper he learned typesetting.

He was married to Grace Adele Goodwin on 21 April 1906. Grace was the daughter of Elmer Norris and Almeda (McEntarffer) Goodwin.

Jonathan and Grace owned several businesses over the years in Auburn and Waterloo, including The Thomas Baking Company, The City Market in Auburn, and a hardware store in Waterloo.

Jonathan and Grace had two children, a son, Wayne Goodwin and a daughter, Ruth Lorraine.

Jonathan and Grace were members of the United Brethren Church in Waterloo. Jonathan died from a heart attack on 29 July 1936 and is buried at the Waterloo Cemetery. Grace died from a stroke on 12 March 1962 and is buried at the Waterloo Cemetery.

Submitted by Howard Elton Thomas

Wayne Goodwin Thomas and Margaret Joyce Atkinson

Wayne Goodwin Thomas and Margaret Joyce Atkinson

Wayne Goodwin Thomas was born 27 January 1919 in Waterloo, Indiana. Wayne was the son of Jonathan Park and Grace Adele (Goodwin) Thomas. At the age of six, his parents moved to Auburn where he attended school. Wayne worked at several jobs when he was young, including a job at the Auburn Rubber Company. Later he worked at the Angola Dry Cleaners. He also engaged in the art of taxidermy

At the outbreak of World War II, at the age of 21, Wayne was drafted in the Army, where he served in the 197th Division and later with the Army Air Corps.

Wayne was a member of the American Legion, and was an avid hunter and fisherman.

After the war, Wayne married Margaret Joyce Atkinson on 28 August 1947. Margaret was the daughter of John Wesley and Mary (Everett) Atkinson. She was born 28 June 1924 in Alma, Michigan.

Margaret graduated from Alma High School in 1942 and attended Fort Wayne Business College.

They had one son, Howard Elton Thomas who was born 02 July 1949.

Margaret worked at Fruehauf Trailers in Fort Wayne for nearly 40 years as a traffic controller. Margaret retired from Fruehauf Trailer in 1986.

Wayne retired from Angola Dry Cleaners in 1974 and passed away on 09 January 1996 at the age of 76 and is buried at the Waterloo Cemetery. Margaret passed away on 05 July 1991 at the age of 67. She is also buried at the Waterloo Cemetery.

Submitted by Howard Thomas

Howard Banning Tibbals and Ruth Lorraine Thomas

Howard Banning Tibbals was born 04 July 1915 in Garrett, Indiana. Howard was the son of Howard Lincoln and Alta Florence (Banning) Tibbals.

Howard graduated from Garrett High School in 1935. His friends called him "Tib." His hobby was playing piano. Howard served in the 94th Army Division during World War II. Howard was a member of the American Legion. He was a past Commander of the Auburn Post and a former Vice Commander of Indiana. He was also a member of the Auburn Elks Lodge and a member of the Moose Lodge. Howard worked at Magnavox Corporation in Fort Wayne.

Howard Banning Tibbals and Ruth Lorraine Thomas

Howard married Ruth Lorraine Thomas on 19 January 1944 n Greenwood, Mississippi. Howard and Ruth had no children.

Ruth was the daughter of Jonathan Park and Grace Adele (Goodwin) Thomas. She was born in Waterloo on 19 August 1908 on the farm of Elmer Goodwin. Ruth attended school in Waterloo and in Auburn. She graduated from Auburn High School in 1926.

Ruth worked at Messenger Corporation in Auburn for 34 years. She was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary and the Ladies of the Moose.

Howard passed away 12 November 1979 and is buried at the Woodlawn Cemetery. Ruth passed away on 06 January 2004 at the age of 95 and is buried at the Woodlawn Cemetery.

Kathryn Elizabeth Olds Tomlinson

Ronald Tomlinson Family and Kathryn Elizabeth Olds

Ronald Leroy Tomlinson was born 20 September 1913, to Sam Leroy and Blanch (Abel) Tomlinson near Newville, Indiana. His paternal grandparents were James P. and Theresa J. (Blaker) Tomlinson. His maternal grandparents were Wallace and Louisa (Coburn) Abel. Ronald graduated from Hicksville High School in 1929 and completed his education with some courses in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Kathryn Elizabeth Olds was born near Butler 19 December 1914, daughter of James Ernest and Clarissa (Poper) Olds. Her paternal grandparents were Lafayette and Emily (McCurdy) Olds. Her maternal grandparents were Ira and Viola (Hart) Poper of Defiance, Ohio. Kathryn attended Oak Hill Grade School, south of Butler, and Butler High School.

Kathryn and Ronald married 17 November 1932 in Coldwater, Michigan.

The Tomlinsons had four daughters: Janice Kline, Hicksville, Ohio; Ronna Arellanes, Sheffield, England; JoElla Hart, Grass Valley, California; and Deanna Sollid of Kentfield, California who was killed on 13 August 1989 by a drunk driver, at the age of 46.

When Ronnie and Kathryn were first married, they moved to Hicksville, Ohio, where Ronald operated a men's store with Hubert Knisely of Butler. Later Ronald became owner and operator of Ronnie's Department Store, in Hicksville and Butler. In 1943, Ronald, the father of two children, enlisted in the U.S. Navy and served in the Pacific Theatre, being discharged in 1945. They left Hicksville in 1960, locating in Griffin, Georgia. Ronald was a sales representative for Zeller Corporation of Defiance, Ohio. He transferred with Zeller Corporation. They moved to Garden Grove, California. He eventually formed his own company, Drive Line Specialties, operating in California and Oahu, Hawaii.

They lived thirty plus years in California and Hawaii. Due to ill health and retirement, the Tomlinson's moved back to Hicksville, Ohio, in a new home in 1993, leaving their business to be run by their son-in-law. After a ten-year battle with cancer, Ronnie died 22 February 1994. Kathryn continued to live in their home enjoying family, friends, and her bridge club. A celebration was held in 2004 for her 90th birthday attended by all her family members but one grandson.

Kathryn has twelve grandchildren and eight great grandchildren. Presently she is residing at Laurels of DeKalb in Butler, Indiana.

They have twelve grandchildren, five step grandchildren, and two great grandchildren.

Submitted by Helen Wilson

Thomas H. Tomlinson and Mary Teutsch

Thomas H. Tomlinson, son of James (d. 1838) and Mary Savil Tomlinson (d. 1890), was born in Arklow, Ireland, 14 September 1836 and died at his home in Franklin Township, DeKalb County, Indiana, 17 January 1914.

Thomas immigrated with his widowed mother and three brothers to the United States in 1846 and settled in Wilmington Township, DeKalb County, Indiana in 1847.

Thomas taught in the public schools of the county. He also served successfully one term as auditor of DeKalb County.

At the age of 25, Thomas enlisted as a Private in Co. A, 88th Ind. V.I., 1st Brig., 1st Div., 14th A.C. He was mustered out at Washington City on 07 June 1865, with the rank of Corporal. In August of 1863, he was taken to hospital No. 1, at Nashville, where he remained five months, ill with billious fever, rejoining his command at Chattanooga, Tennesee, in January 1864. On the march from Bowling Green, Ohio, to Nashvillle, Tennesee, the teamster deserted, and Comrade Tomlinson was placed in charge. His battle list includes, Perryville, Stone Rive, Resaca, Rocky Face Ridge, Mill Creek, Tunnell Hill, Buzzards Roost, Snake Creek Gap, Dalton, Adairsville, Rome, Kinston, New Hope Church, Burnt Hickory, Pumpkin Creek, Altuna Hills, Kenesaw Mt., Marietta, Big Shanty, Peach Tree Creek, Atlanta, Love Joy Station, Seige of Atlanta. Utoy Creek, Jonesboro, Griswoldville, Averysboro, Bentonville, and in Sherman's March to the Sea, received his honorable discharge at Washington, D.C., 07 June 1865. He drew a pension and was a member of Waterloo Post 52.

He was united in marriage to Mary H. Freeman, 01 April 1866. They had four children, Martha I. (b. 20 October 1866 d. 12 September 1895), Laura A., Albert A., and George (b. 23 May 1871 d. 09 July 1901). George was a Telephone Lineman for the Central Union Telephone Company. He accidentally fell from the top of the Davenport building fracturing his skull and right arm. He was married at the time of his fall. He was a member of the Red Men's Lodge. Mary H. died 26 September 1876.

On 10/11 November 1879, he married Mary Teutsch.

Mary Teutsch was the daughter of Michael Teutsch (b. 17 January 1818 d. 14 March 1900) and Sarah Zwilling/Swilling (b. 15 July 1815 d. 29 June 29 1894). Michael and Sarah came to America in 1860 from Alsace, France. They settled in Franklin Township, DeKalb County, Indiana, where Mary was born 10 March 1862.

To this union was born two children, Deta Leola and a son who died in infancy (b. 10 December 1883 d. 29 February 1884). Deta married Frank Norman Snyder (b. 24 February 1882 Waterloo, Indiana) 23 August 1922. Frank was a serviceman in World War I. He then worked as a guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington Cemetery.

Thomas Tomlinson died 17 January 1914 in Franklin Township, DeKalb County, Indiana. He was described as a kind hearted man and a good neighbor. He is buried in the Evergreen Cemetery in Auburn, Indiana.

Mary continued to live on the farm in Franklin Township, northeast of Waterloo, west of her folks' farm. When she was unable to live by herself she moved to Arlington, Virginia to live with her daughter. She died there 13 September 1957. She is buried in the Evergreen Cemetery in Auburn, Indiana.

Submitted by Amanda Wells

Carolyn Eloise Boger Trammel

Carolyn Trammel retired from a career in Nursing in December 2004. She had worked twenty- four years at DeKalb Memorial Hospital with eighteen of those years working in ICU. She loved nursing and met many wonderful people. But she was ready to retire and do something different.

Carolyn bought her parents home on Ensley Avenue in 1996 after her parents died. She grew up in this home. Carolyn loves antiques and collecting, therefore the house is filled with antiques and collections. She enjoys trips to Brown County in the fall with her family. Fall is her favorite time of the year. Caroline likes flowers and gardening. She also loves the holidays and decorating for them.

She is close with her family and loves family get-togethers. Her children Rick and Sherry Jordan and Rick and Patti Trammel live within fifteen miles of her. Carolyn has five grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

Carolyn loves animals especially cats. She has five inside cats that all have special needs. Her five cats are Milo, Annie, Mitzi, Molly and Tanner. She also feeds outside cats and is presently feeding kittens. Carolyn also enjoys feeding the squirrels and birds.

She belongs to the DeKalb County Genealogy Society and the DeKalb County Historical Society. She attends New Hope Christian Church.

For further information refer to Volume II DeKalb County History, page 14 under Jerry Trammel.

Submitted by Carolyn E. Trammel

Ricky Lynn Trammel

Rick and Patti moved from Florida back to Auburn in 1996 after Rick's grandmother Dorothy Boger died. Their daughters Sarah Elizabeth and Rachel had been active in the band in Lemon Bay High School in Florida. They both played the clarinet.

Sarah graduated from DeKalb High School in June 1997. She attends New Hope Christian Church where she met her future husband, Jacob Lugibihl. Sarah Elizabeth Trammel and Jacob Luther Lugibihl were married on 15 December 2001 in the New Hope Christian Church in Waterloo, Indiana. Jacob was born on 05 August 1982 to Larry Robert Lugibihl and Marlene Mary McGladdery. Jacob and Sarah have two daughters Lucie Gianna born 03 November 2002 in DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn. Elena Rhiann was born 12 August 2004 in DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn. Jake is employed at Wal-Mart Distribution Center. Sarah does not work outside the home. They reside in their own home on First Street in Auburn, Indiana.

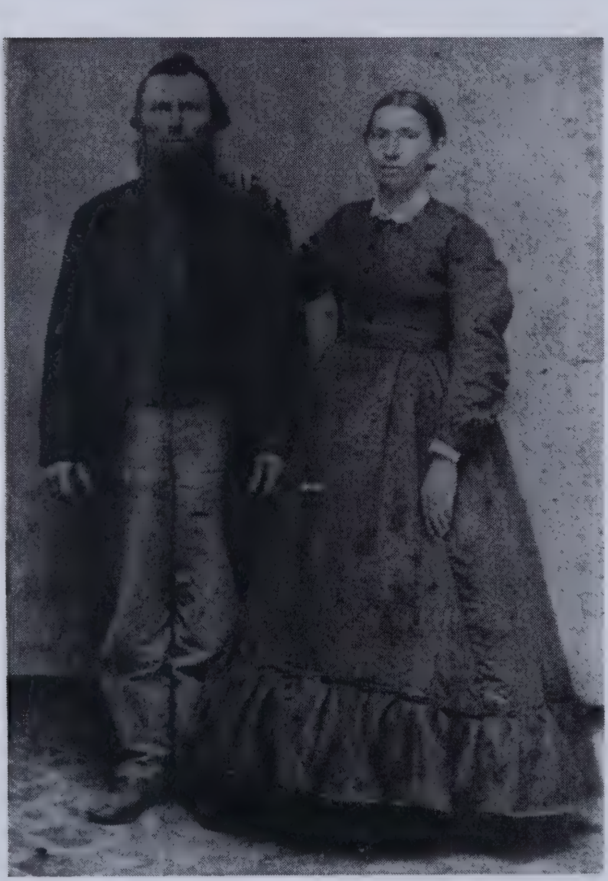
Rachel graduated from DeKalb High School in June 1998. She attended New Hope Christian Church in Waterloo, Indiana. She met her future husband at the church.

Rachel and Evan Michael Brown were married on 07 August 1999 in the New Hope Christian Church. Evan Brown was born in Steuben County, Indiana on 17 May 1977 to Roc Ethan Brown and Treva Arlene Hablawetz. They have two sons Gabriel Alexander born 24 July 2001 in Wuerzburg, Germany. Elijah Benjamin was born on 27 April 2004 in Fort Campbell, Kentucky. Evan is making a career of the Army. They have lived in Texas, Germany, Tennessee, and Kentucky. Evan has had one tour of duty in Iraq and presently is returning to Iraq for another tour of duty. His rank is Sgt. (P) Brown. Rachel is living at Fort Campbell, Kentucky on the base while Evan is in Iraq.

Rick has worked for Auburn Foundry for nine years. Rick and Patti live north of Waterloo on a small farm. They love to garden and it's the perfect place. Patti also does couponing full time. They both attend New Hope Christian Church and take an active part in church activities. They have been on mission trips to the Dominican Republic.

For further information refer to DeKalb County History Volume II, page 15.

Submitted Carolyn E. Trammel



John Johannes Treesh and Susan Treesh

John Johannes Treesh Family

John Johannes Treesh was the son of Michael and Catherine Treesh of DeKalb County, Indiana. He was born 21 January 1834 in Plains Township, Stark County, Ohio. He died in Auburn 21 July 1914 at the age of 80 years and 6 months.

John was the oldest of thirteen living brothers and sisters. He came to Auburn from Canton, Ohio in February 1857. He married (1) Susanna Swander 29 January 1857 (2) Sarah Hamilton 23 April 1871. John and Suzanna had five children, the three living children being: Eliza, Elizabeth and Luther. To the second marriage four children of whom three survived: Ona, Amon and Sadie.

Susanna Swander was born in 1832 in Stark County, Ohio, the daughter of Jacob and Susan Fisher Swander. Susanna Treesh died 28 November 1870 and was buried in Sixteen Cemetery, DeKalb County.

John served seven years as a town marshal and finally as county assessor. When cement took the place of oak planks in the construction of sidewalks, John became a contractor and builder of some of the town's sidewalks. He was a Mason in Waterloo City Lodge #307 and transferred to DeKalb Lodge #214 on 15 June 1875. John was one of the founders of the St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Auburn in 1875 and served as Sabbath School Superintendent for nine years.

John and Sarah Hamilton Treesh are buried in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn, Indiana.

Submitted by Sally Goodyear

Michael Treesh and Catherine Wagner Treesh

Michael Treesh is another of the early settlers of DeKalb County. He was born 28 March 1811 in Plains Township, Stark County, Ohio. He was the son of Wilhelm and Maria Berlin Treesh of Bedford County, Pennsylvania and was of German descent.

He married Catherine Wagner, a native of Pennsylvania on 15 November 1832. Early in 1853 Michael and Catherine Treesh immigrated to DeKalb County from near Canton, Ohio with their family and settled upon a quarter section of land in Richland Township, which he had mostly cleared and improved. Later he acquired and resided on a farm of 234 acres in Fairfield Township. He was elected a trustee and helped to improve the common school system.

Catherine and Michael had fifteen children: John, Mary Ann, Eliza, Michael, Sarah, Levi W., Elizabeth, Lydia, Silas, Harriet, Daniel, William A., Catherine and two infants. They were Lutheran in faith and Michael was a Democrat in politics. Michael Treesh died June 1885 after receiving injuries from falling off a horse and is buried in the Shower's Corners' Cemetery in DeKalb County. Catherine died 28 September 1858.

Submitted by Sally Goodyear

Kathleen Varnell Boger Wachel and John R. Wachel

Kathleen Varnell Boger Wachel was born on 23 November 1942 in Auburn, Indiana, to Clarren Lewis Boger and Fanny Ophelia Varner Boger. Kathy attended Desoto and Harrison elementary schools and Auburn Junior High School and graduated from Auburn High School in 1960. She received a BA in English and History from Indiana Central College in Indianapolis in 1964, an MA in English Literature from the University of Wisconsin in 1965 and an MA in Library Science from the University of Iowa in 1969. Kathy taught at Parsons College in Fairfield, Iowa, where she met her future husband, John R. Wachel of Appleton, Wisconsin. John and Kathy were married on 21 March 1967 in Vienna, Austria, where they were living at the time.

Kathy was a librarian at the University of Iowa Libraries from 1970 to 2004. She was acquisitions librarian at the time of her retirement in 2004.

John R. Wachel was born in Appleton, Wisconsin on 16 January 1933 to John William Wachel and Josephine Mary Bellin. John received his doctorate in Classics from the University of Iowa. He taught at Parsons College in Fairfield, Iowa and also at the University of Iowa. Kathy and John have lived in Iowa City, Iowa since 1968 and are both are now retired. They enjoy reading, photography, traveling, genealogy, and attending operas.

Submitted Carolyn E. Trammel

Roy L. Wade and Carrie Blanch (Engle) Wade

Roy Wade was born near Spencerville in DeKalb County on 22 February 1881. He was the son of George Washington Wade and Sarah Jane (Koch) Wade. Roy grew up on a farm east of Spencerville. When he was twenty-one he married eighteen year old Carrie Blanche Engle the daughter of Martin and Harriet Blanch (Howey) Engle. Carrie grew up on a farm north of St. Joe. The couple was married on 01 September 1901 in Hicksville, Ohio.

Roy and Carrie first lived in St. Joe. After about seven years they moved to the George Washington Wade farm and lived there two years. Roy and Carrie then moved to a farm five miles north of Lewiston, Michigan. They lived in a log cabin in a cleared area by a pine forest. One summer there was a forest fire and Roy plowed a strip around the cabin wide enough to turn the fire and keep the cabin from burning.

The family lived in the Michigan log cabin three years before moving back to DeKalb County. With the exception of a few years living in Ohio, they remained in DeKalb County the rest of their lives. After the death of Carrie's mother they moved into the Engle brick home on the northwest edge of St. Joe to care for Martin Engle. Roy and Carrie then opened a restaurant with a room at the back for men to play cards. It was known as the Wade Inn. In order to run the restaurant Roy, Carrie, and Martin Engle moved into St. Joe. Roy and Carrie had the help of many family members running the restaurant.

Roy and Carrie Wade Family

Roy and Carrie attended St. Mark's Lutheran Church in St. Joe. Roy was a member of the Knights of Pythias Lodge in St. Joe. He also served on the St. Joe Volunteer Fire Department, serving as fire chief for several years.

After retiring from the restaurant business Roy and Carrie returned to live in the brick house north of St. Joe. They enjoyed gardening and Roy did odd jobs including helping people with carpenter work. They traveled to Florida several winters.

Roy and Carrie were the parents of three sons: Albert Martin born 09 April 1902, Russell A. born 20 April 1904, and George Elwood born 17 March 1914.

Roy died 29 March 1949. Carrie died 05 June 1960. They are buried in Riverside Cemetery in St. Joe.

Submitted by Glenda Shull

Albert Martin Wade and MaDonna (Kinsey) Wade

Albert Martin Wade was born 09 April 1902 in Spencer Township, DeKalb County the eldest son of Roy Wade and Carrie (Engle) Wade. His family lived in several homes including one in St. Joe, a log cabin in Michigan, a farm in Ohio and finally a brick home north of St. Joe in DeKalb County. Albert attended schools in each of the communities in which he lived.

On 24 August 1921 Albert and MaDonna Kinsey were married in St. Joe. MaDonna

Harriet Kinsey and her twin brother Donald J. Kinsey were born 06 February 1904, the children of Frank and Mary Elnora (Sechler) Kinsey. After their marriage Albert and MaDonna lived in St. Joe. While living in St. Joe, Albert worked for Kinsey Undertakers and the Wabash Railroad. Albert and MaDonna then moved to Detroit where Albert worked for Ford Motor Company making Model T cars.

Albert Martin Wade and MaDonna (Kinsey) Wade

Albert then took a job cleaning fish for a wholesale house in downtown Detroit. When the depression hit the country Albert lost his job. The family lost their home so they moved back to St. Joe where they lived on a farm owned by Tod and Donna (Engle) Kosht, Albert's aunt. Albert got a job working for the WPA. He then took a job with the railroad and later both Albert and MaDonna worked for General Electric in Fort Wayne.

Albert's final job before retirement was working at Par Tee near Spencerville. MaDonna worked as clerk in the St. Joe Post Office and became Post Mistress in June 1972 and served there until her retirement in June 1973.

Albert and MaDonna were the parents of seven children: Marcia Elizabeth born 18 May 1922; Beverly Elenora born 30 October 1925; Margaret Ellen born 26 September 1928; Marlyn Kinsey born 19 May 1930; Albert Edward born 26 November 1931; Sally Ovaline born 06 November 1931; and Franklyn LeRoy born 16 July 1936.

Albert and MaDonna were active members of the St. Marks Lutheran Church in St. Joe. MaDonna was a member of the St. Joe Literary Club, the St. Joe Culture Club, Women's Sewing Club, and a Bunco Club.

Albert and MaDonna enjoyed family gatherings, fishing, and traveling. They enjoyed their years of retirement by spending winters in Arizona and Florida. After 65 years of marriage Albert died on 31 March 1987. MaDonna died 17 October 1987. They are buried in the Riverside Cemetery in St. Joe.

Submitted by Glenda Shull

George Washington Wade and Sarah Jane Koch

George Washington Wade was the son of Thomas N. and Mary (Clemens) Wade. Thomas N. Wade was born in Washington County, Pennsylvania and traveled to Ashland County, Ohio with his family when he was a boy. After the death of his father, also named Thomas N. Wade, several members of the Wade family left Ashland

County, Ohio in the early 1850s and traveled to DeKalb County, Indiana. Some of the Wade family that came to DeKalb County included George N. and Nancy (Norton) Wade, Daniel and Barbara Ann (Wade) Smith, William and Rosannah (Wade) Saylor and Thomas N. Wade.

Thomas married Mary Clemens, daughter of John and Nancy Clemens in DeKalb County on 18 January 1852.

The couple left DeKalb County in the 1870s and moved to Ingham County, Michigan. Mary Wade died 14 March 1909 and Thomas N. Wade died at the home of George Washington Wade in DeKalb County on 10 February 1916.

Thomas M. Wade and Mary Clemens Wade

George Washington Wade was born on 07 December 1852 in Paulding County, Ohio. He was the eldest of the six children of Thomas and Mary (Clemens) Wade. George married Sarah Jane Koch on 07 May 1873 at the M.E. Church in Spencerville, Indiana.

Sarah Jane Koch was born in DeKalb County, Indiana, 23 February 1856. She was the daughter of Simon and Anna (Keyes) Koch.

The couple made their home on a farm southeast of Spencerville until near the end of their married life when they moved into St. Joe, Indiana. They were affiliated with the Methodist Church.

The couple had ten children and eight lived to reach adulthood: Gertrude married Emanuel Scott, Myrtle married Albert Cole, Bertha married Harmon Coburn, Roy married Carrie Engle, Lloyd married Audrey Butler, Clifford Merritt married Frankie Parker, Stearle married Delphia Coburn, and Jessie married Charles Benjamin.

George Wade died in St. Joe on 09 December 1917 at the age of 65. Sarah Koch Wade died 14 April 1922. They are buried in White City Cemetery, south of Spencerville, Indiana.

Lewin Edwin Waggoner and Violet Lily Martin

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Stanley is buried in the Butler Cemetery, Butler, Indiana.

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Violet and Lewin are also buried in Butler Cemetery, Butler, Indiana.

Submitted by Michael Hanni-Wells

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Photo is of:

George W. Wade and Sarah (Koch) Wade

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Thomas married Mary Clemens, daughter of John and Nancy Clemens in DeKalb County on 18 January 1852.

The couple left DeKalb County in the 1870s and moved to Ingham County, Michigan. Mary Wade died 14 March 1909 and Thomas N. Wade died at the home of George Washington Wade in DeKalb County on 10 February 1916.

Thomas M. Wade and Mary Clemens Wade

George Washington Wade was born on 07 December 1852 in Paulding County, Ohio. He was the eldest of the six children of Thomas and Mary (Clemens) Wade. George married Sarah Jane Koch on 07 May 1873 at the M.E. Church in Spencerville, Indiana.

Sarah Jane Koch was born in DeKalb County, Indiana, 23 February 1856. She was the daughter of Simon and Anna (Keyes) Koch.

The couple made their home on a farm southeast of Spencerville until near the end of their married life when they moved into St. Joe, Indiana. They were affiliated with the Methodist Church.

The couple had ten children and eight lived to reach adulthood: Gertrude married Emanuel Scott, Myrtle married Albert Cole, Bertha married Harmon Coburn, Roy married Carrie Engle, Lloyd married Audrey Butler, Clifford Merritt married Frankie Parker, Stearle married Delphia Coburn, and Jessie married Charles Benjamin.

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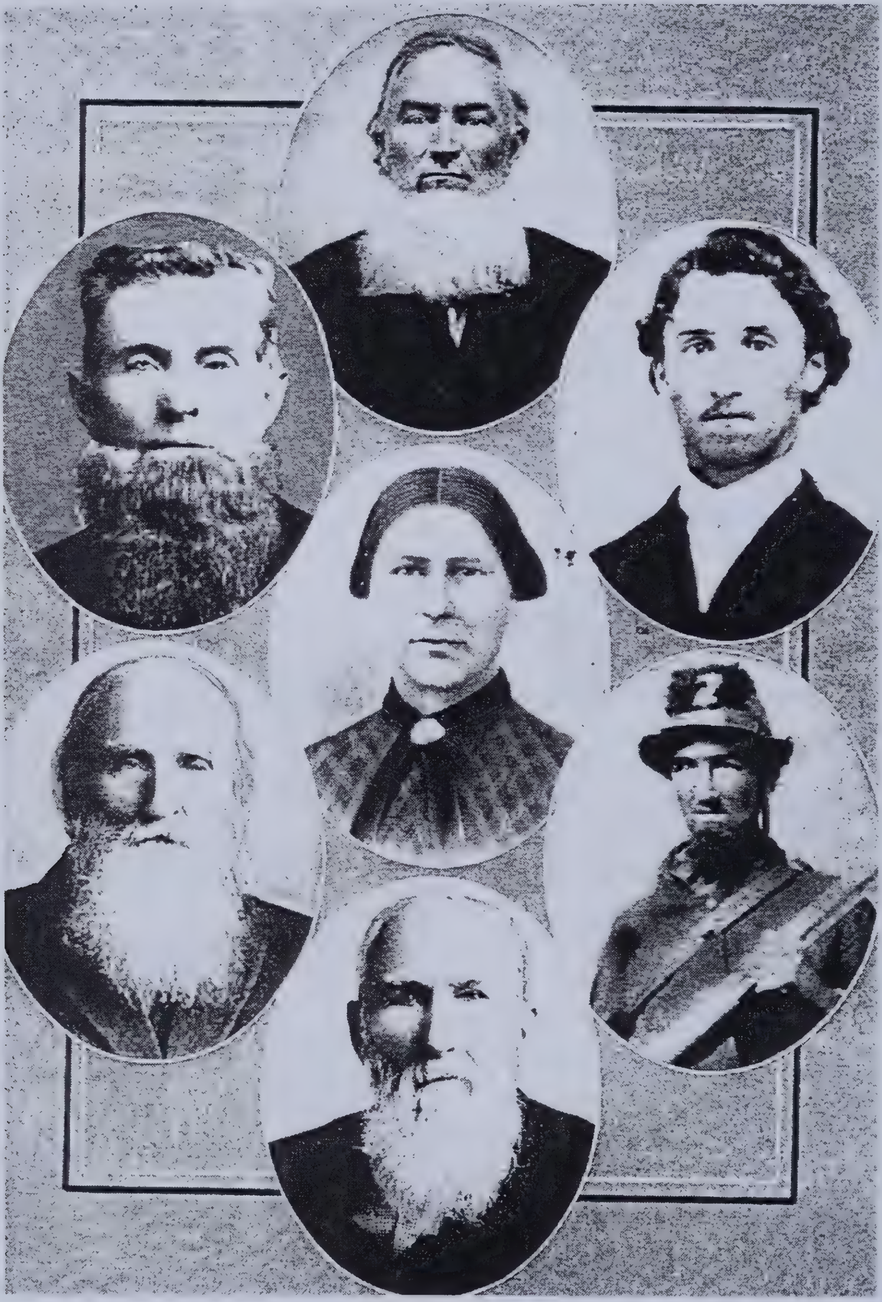

These are pictures of George Waggoner Sr. and his siblings.

Clockwise, starting at the top: Henry Wagner, Jacob Wagner, Jr., Joel Wagner, Emanuel Wagner, George Waggoner, Adam Wagner. In the middle, Charlotte Wagner Bame.

These are all grandchildren of the Revolutionary War Soldier, John Waggoner, one of the life-guards of George Washington.

Hannah and George had five children: George Waggoner, Jr., Della Waggoner, Ed Waggoner, Emily A. Waggoner, and an unknown child.

George Waggoner, Jr. was born in December 1853 and died 19 March 1928. He married (1) Effie J. Stillwell (2) Francis Racine. They had three children: Lewin (sometimes called Lewis) Waggoner, George Vernon "Verne" Waggoner, and Vida Waggoner Townsend.

Della was born 12 October 1848 and died 24 April 1914. She never married and lived at home. She kept the house for her father, after her mother died.

Ed Waggoner was born 16 June 1851 and died 18 April 1855. He is buried in the old Auburn cemetery.

Emily A. Waggoner was born about 1845 and died 08 December 1852. She is buried in the old Auburn cemetery.

There is no information about the unknown child.

When but about 18 years old at a Methodist altar in Seneca County, Ohio, she was converted and at once joined the M.E. church whose sacred fellowship she dearly loved till the day of her death. She was faithful to all the services of the church as long as her health and strength would permit. Moreover, her religion was of that practical type which found expression in a multitude of loving manifestations. She was an excellent nurse, and none of her friends or neighbors fell sick but that she ministered unto them. She sacrificed her own pleasure and ease that she might help others in every possible way. Hannah died 01 March 1904 at the age of 79.

When George Sr. was 92, he walked a mile to carry out his annual program shoeing a horse on his birthday, to show that he still could do it. Children of a later generation viewed the act with a feeling of pride for DeKalb's oldest citizen whose hale and hearty visage betokened a life well lived and a character that has kept its beauty for more than four score years and ten. One would be naturally led to believe that his life, at 92, must have certainly been one of total retirement, but this was not true. One of his greatest pleasures were his work on wheelbarrows, made by hand, and sold to admiring friends and real users of the tool. Ninety-six hand made wheelbarrows have been made and sold by him since he retired from the blacksmith shop many years ago. Even though he had reading glasses, he was rarely seen with them and had keen vision and hearing for a man of his years.

The evening before his 92nd birthday, he was asked to name a few things to which he attributed his long life. He declared that temperance, care of eating, and the meager use of tobacco, were things that he believed strongly in.

Mr. Waggoner attended the Methodist Church; although a great many years ago he had been connected with a Universalist church in Ohio. He was a charter member of DeKalb Lodge No. 214, F. & A. M. and was a very faithful member, even more so than many of the younger Masons.

At the age of 95, he died from a fall down the stairs.

It is believed that they are buried in the Old Auburn Cemetery beside their children, as this is what was said in both their obituaries.

George and Hannah are the parents of George Jr., the grand parents of Lewin Waggoner, the great grandparent of Jane Waggoner Harris, the great great grandparent of Amy Rice, great great great grandparents of Michael Hanni-Wells and the great great great great grandparents of Austin Hanni-Wells.

Submitted by Roselyn I. Wells

Lawrence and Helen Humbert Wagner

Lawrence Wagner and Helen Humbert

Lawrence Wagner, son of Martin and Inez (Davis) Wagner was born 25 March 1903 in Jackson Township, DeKalb County. He lived his entire life on the farm where he was born located on County Road 45 just north of County Road 60. Lawrence and his father, Martin, farmed together all their lives. They also raised pure bred livestock which they sold at sales all over the country. Their Polled Shorthorn Cattle, Oxford and Shropshire Sheep and Poland China Hogs were known for high quality. Lawrence also raised English Shepherd Dogs which were sold all over the country as well. In years past, when farmers exhibited their livestock at county fairs, the Cherrygarth Stock Farm livestock would be on the road for six to eight weeks each late summer and early fall in Indiana, Ohio and Michigan.

Lawrence and Helen Humbert, born 14 July 1906, the daughter of George and Julia (Homsher) Humbert, were married on 21 March 1926. To this union were born four children: Keith, Amy Evelyn, Joseph and Merle.

Keith married Barbara Lung and they were the parents of four daughters: Kathy and her husband live in Grand Prairie, Texas; Sheryl and her family live in Brighton, Michigan; and twins Terry and her husband live in Mundelein, Illinois; and Kerry and her family live in Los Angeles California. Keith is retired and spends summers near Warsaw, Indiana and winters in Homestead, Florida.

Amy Evelyn married Maurice Dee Houser, son of Albert and Haidee (Krontz) Houser. Maurice is retired from Dana Corporation in Auburn and lives in rural Pleasant Lake. They are the parents of four children: Danny and his family live in Albany, Oregon; Doyle lives in rural Pleasant Lake; Phil and his family live in Middlebury, Indiana; and Karolyn and her family live in Buda, Texas.

Joseph married Carolyn Cloer and they reside near Thorntown. Joe is a retired United Methodist pastor and still very active in mission work. They are the parents of two children: Sandra and her family live in Cincinnati, Ohio and Richard and his family live in Princeton, Massachusetts.

Merle married Betty Etzler, daughter of Oscar and Laura Etzler of Convoy, Ohio. They are now retired after spending their lives teaching in the Eastside school system and schools at Hicksville and Convoy, Ohio. They are the parents of a daughter, Jennifer, who lives in Auburn with her husband and daughter.

For over eighty years, members of the Wagner family were active members of the Concord United Methodist church. They held many offices in the church and were always interested in doing what they could in the service of the Lord. Lawrence and Helen, as well as his parents, Martin and Inez, were members of Friendship Grange No. 2404 and members of the Jackson Township Farm Bureau. Helen and Inez were members of the Home Demonstration Club in Jackson Township. The Wagners were not only members, but took an active part in any task they were asked to do.

This successful family farm operation was broken on 28 April 1955 with the death of Inez. Nearly a year later, 18 April 1956, Martin followed his beloved wife into eternity. Lawrence died suddenly on 21 March 1964 and Helen died on 28 August 1984. All are buried in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn, Indiana.

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Contributed by Amy Houser

Jacob Walborn, Sr.

Jacob Walborn was born near Stumpersdtel, Lebanon County, Pennsylvania. He moved with his parents, Martin and Barbara Walborn, to Ohio. Jacob was married 29 January 1830 to Mary Magdalene Apple in Montgomery County, Ohio, while the Walborns were at the time living near Dayton, Ohio.

Mary Apple was born 18 October 1814 and she died 09 January 1890 in Auburn, Indiana. Jacob died 04 December 1868 in Auburn. Both are buried at Evergreen Cemetery.

Jacob Walborn, Sr., first located on a farm in Champaign County, Ohio, north of the village of St. Paris. His parents and two of his children were buried in the Salem Cemetery, adjacent to this farm. Shortly after Jacob's father's death in 1859, he moved his family to DeKalb County, Indiana, where they located on a farm three miles west of Auburn. Here the Walborns found good farming acreage.

It was while living in Champaign County, Ohio that thirteen children were born to these parents, including three sets of twins: Mary Ann, born 30 October 1830, died 25 February 1845, buried with her grandparents; Jacob, Jr., born 14 March 1832, married Letitia Briggs; David, born 19 January 1835, married Harriet Sites (Sice); Catherine, born 18 June 1838, married 25 August 1857 in Champaign County, Ohio to Daniel Kessler; died 29 July 1858, and her infant daughter Mary Letitia died 06 August 1858. Both are buried with her grandparents; Lucindia, born 22 September 1840, married George Apple; Sarah (twin), born 22 May 1843, married John Weaver; Elizabeth (twin), born 22 May 1843, married Andrew Bowlender (Bolender); George, born 22 November 1845, died 14 November 1868 at Auburn; Laurien (twin), born 08 September 1847, married Joseph Link; Emma (twin), born 08 September 1847, married Phillip Lung; Jeremiah, born 03 June 1850, married Mary Ellen Seydel; Daniel (twin), born 08 February 1852, married Louisa Fair; Susan (twin), born 08 February 1852, married Joseph Imler.

Submitted by Karen Marks

Jeremiah Walborn

Jeremiah Walborn was born 03 June 1850 in St. Paris, Champaign County, Ohio and died 25 November 1918 at age 68 in Auburn, Indiana. He was the son of Jacob Walborn, Sr. and Mary Magdalene Apple.

On 20 March 1890, he married Mary Ellen Seydell, daughter of Michael Pary Seydell and Catherine Wittle.

Mary Ellen was born 21 July 1858 in Crawford County, Ohio. and died 24 December

1941 in Bremen, Marshall County, Indiana. Both are buried in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn, Indiana.

Jeremiah and Mary Ellen Walborn Wedding Picture 20 March 1890

"Jerry" and "Ella" had two daughters, Myra Ailene and Bina Bernice, both born in DeKalb County, Indiana.

Myra Ailene was born 02 September 1893 and married Walter George Geib, son of Andrew Geib and Emma Schulthess on 10 September 1914 in DeKalb County. Myra and Walter had five children: Catherine Emma, born and died 15 June 1915; Robert Leroy, born 31 July 1916, died 02 May 1990; Kenneth Raymond, born 16 September 1918, died 03 March 1963; Elinor Maxine, born 12 November 1922, died 28 September 1991; Ruth Arleen, born 22 September 1924. Walt died 27 February 1956 and Myra died 29 September 1989. Both are buried at Bremen Cemetery, Marshall County, Indiana.

Their second daughter, Bina Bernice, was born 13 February 1899 and died 28 November 1981. She married Coy L. Dunkle on 05 May 1917. They had four children: Katherine Marie, born 23 October 1917; Darrell Dale, born 14 September 1919, died 03 February 1987; Charles J., born 29 March 1922; and Robert, born 05 April 1923.

Jerry was a farmer all his life and had retired to a home on West Second Street only a few weeks before he died. He and Mary Ellen are both buried at Woodlawn Cemetery in Auburn, Indiana.

Submitted by: Karen Marks

George Walker and Anna Ashleman

George Walker was born in Smithfield Township near Waterloo, Indiana on 14 February 1848.

George married Anna Ashleman 23 May 1871.

Anna Ashleman was born 25 December 1842 in Wayne County, Ohio. She came to DeKalb County in 1843 with her parents, John Ulrich and Maria Everhart Ashleman. Her siblings were: a sister, who died and was buried at sea on the trip to America; Elizabeth, Moses, Barbara, Mary, Regina, William, Christopher and Rosa. According to a grandson, George Speer, she was about five foot two and was a gracious and kindly person, loved by all who knew her. She was a semi-invalid for a good share of her married life, but it never soured nor embittered her disposition. Her love of flowers, birds and all outdoors was a characteristic she shared with all the Ashleman family. She had an old fashioned garden which bloomed under her green thumb. Anna loved to sketch birds and flowers as she sawthem from her chair by the window.

George was about five foot eight inches tall with a slender build and dark eyes and hair. George was a farmer and owned a fine farm near Waterloo. He was a very industrious and thrifty farmer. They lived one mile north of Waterloo and here they raised their family of four children who were: John Henry, Alice, George William and Charles.

John Henry was born 31 March 1872 and died 12 March 1942 at Lansing, Michigan. He married Laura Belle McCash 11 April 1894.

Alice was born 20 November 1873. She married Charles Speer on 17 September 1899.

George William was born 02 March 1877 and died 21 September 1946. He married Maude Myers on 07 October 1903.

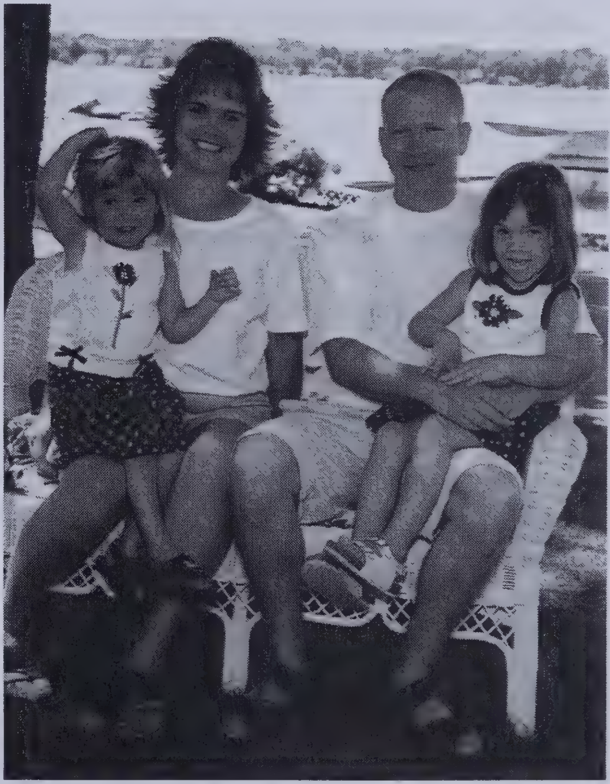
Charles who was born 03 December 1880 and died 26 July 1950. His first marriage was to Ellen Moorman in 1901. They divorced. His second marriage was to Julia Cameron

George Walker died 22 September 1931 Anna Ashleman Walker died 02 March 1928 at the age of 85 years.

Submitted by Terry Franzman

Michelle Erin Sowles Walker

Michelle Erin Sowles was born on 04 February 1978 a few days after being snowbound by a terrible blizzard for several days. Everyone was worried about how to get her mother to the hospital if she should come into labor early. Her maternal grandparents, Jim and Carolyn Stahl, had made arrangements with a neighbor, who had a snowmobile should the need arise before the roads were passable. But Michelle waited, and was born at DeKalb Memorial on 04 February 1978, to Karen Sue (Stahl) Sowles, born on 14 December 1959 at the Dr. Bonnell M. Souder Hospital in Auburn, the daughter of James William Stahl, born 04 August 1937, in DeKalb County and Carolyn Sue (Hovarter) Stahl, born 23 June 1939, in DeKalb County, Michelle's maternal grandparents; and Dorsey "Wayne" Sowles, born 03 April 1957 in DeKalb County. Her paternal grandparents were Viola Rose (Purk), born 11 November 1933 in Payne, Ohio. (She's still living, at Betz Nursing Home, Auburn) and Dorsey Dean Sowles, born 21 June 1931 in DeKalb County; died 13 September 2001 in Auburn, and is buried in the Waterloo Cemetery. They were married on 13 May 1950 in Akron, Indiana and were able to celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary. The Sowles family has lived mostly in Northeastern Indiana.



Rodney Allan Walker and
Michelle Erin (Sowles) Walker Family

Her paternal great-grandparents (Vi's parents who died when Vi was just five years old) were: Doyle Wolver Purk, born 06 April 1908 in Volinia Township., Cass County, Michigan ; died 23 June, 1936 and Elizabeth Arretta (Farlee) Purk, born 04 September 1910 in Hillsdale County, Michigan; died 19 January 1939. Both were buried in Lehman's Cemetery, Paulding, Ohio. Dorsey's parents were Jay E. Sowles, born 27 October 1903 in Steuben County; died 01 July 1965 and Nina T. (Collins) Sowles, born 15 October 1907 in Franklin Township. Both are buried in the Waterloo Cemetery.

Michelle's maternal great grandparents were Carolyn's parents: Harry Dale Hovarter, born 17 December 1914 in DeKalb County; died 15 December 2003 in Wesley Healthcare, Auburn, DeKalb County and Pauline (Sherwood) Hovarter, born 03 October 1918 in DeKalb County and died on 02 June 1983 in Parkview Hospital, Ft. Wayne, Allen County. Both are buried in the Corunna Cemetery. They were farmers and school personnel who lived southwest of Corunna. Michelle's great great-grandparents are Adam and Amanda Olive (Davis) Pressler Hovarter *(See history of Adam Hovarter).* Also great great-grandparents are John Vangesbeck and Grace Anna (Conkey) Mills Sherwood *(See history of Harry Dale Hovarter).* James' parents were: Clark William Stahl, born 26 May 1907 in DeKalb County; died 12 January 1989 at home in DeKalb County and Edna Louise (Bowman) Stahl, born 07 November 1915 in DeKalb County; died 16 March 1997 in Noble County. Both are buried in the Waterloo Cemetery. They were farmers who lived three miles north of Auburn. Clark's parents were John Benjamin and Elizabeth (Haines) *Stahl (See history of John Benjamin Stahl).* Edna's parents were Milferd Chaney and Inez Eva (Park) Bowman *(See their histories).*

During Karen's (Michelle's mother) childhood, Karen participated in Girl Scouts and 4-H, winning several awards in each. In addition to singing, she cultivated her interest in music by playing the piano and the clarinet in the school band. A talented vocalist, she especially enjoyed singing throughout her school career with the prestigious A Cappella Choir, which made guest appearances before many local organizations throughout the year and held two public concerts annually.

Karen was very active in general church activities at Maple Grove United Methodist Church, plus extras, such as church camp, teaching Vacation Bible School, President of the youth group and going to Haiti in 1976 for two weeks with a Gospel Music Caravan sponsored by Church World Missions. Karen married Dorsey Wayne Sowles born 03 April 1957, and two children were born: 1) Michelle Erin, born 04 February 1978, and 2) Bradley Wayne, born 01 November 1979, both in DeKalb County. In November 1979 the family moved to Bluffton, Indiana, where Dorsey took a job with Simpson Industries. The marriage was dissolved in 1984 with Karen and the children remaining in Bluffton.

Karen was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Bluffton and was actively involved with church activities, as were her children, who participated in special children's programs and sang in the Children's Choir. Both youngsters attended Lancaster Central Elementary, where they excelled in academic achievements. Michelle also studied dance and was in the Brownie Division of Girl Scouts. (*See Karen Sue (Stahl) Sowles on pages 384-85 of Volume II 1987 of the DeKalb County History Book).*

On 10 December 1988 Michelle's mother married Terry L Bruner and they gave Michelle a half brother, Bryan Curtis Bruner, born 05 February 1990. They stayed in

Bluffton until 02 June 1991, when they moved back to Auburn. While a student at DeKalb High School, Michelle was a member of the All Girls' Swing Choir, "Sound Sensation," which she enjoyed very much. Michelle also worked as a checker at Owens Grocery for 4.5 years before graduation in May 1997.

On 19 August 2000 Michelle married Rodney Allan Walker, born 02 April 1972 at Whitley County Hospital, Columbia City. They purchased a home on a lake in Whitley County, Little Cedar Lake, one of the Tri-Lakes. Since 1999, Michelle has worked assembling steering wheels for Autoliv, Columbia City. She is also taking classes at IPFW, hoping to become a nurse sometime in the future. She has been very active in her church, and her special interests are swimming, boating, water skiing and camping. Rodney graduated in 1990 from Whitco High School and has worked at Reiss Cleaning Service for twelve years. He has been studying scuba diving and has his Divemaster's Certification. His special interests are scuba diving, camping and boating.

Two children have been born to the couple: 1) Kylee Anne Walker, born 03 November 2000 and 2) Kenna Sue Walker, born 28 April, 2002. Both girls were born at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne, Allen County. The girls' maternal grandparents are: Karen Sue (Stahl) Sowles Bruner, born 14 December 1959 in DeKalb County and Dorsey Wayne Sowles, born 03 April 1957 in DeKalb County. Karen continues to live in Auburn, while Dorsey lives in Raleigh, North Carolina. Their maternal great grandparents are James William Stahl, born 04 August 1937 in DeKalb County and Carolyn Sue (Hovarter) Stahl, born 23 June 1939 in DeKalb County. Their maternal great great-grandparents are Harry Dale Hovarter, born 17 December 1914 in DeKalb County; died 15 December 2003 in DeKalb County and Pauline (Sherwood) Hovarter, born 03 October 1918 in DeKalb County; died 02 June 1983. Both are buried in the Corunna Cemetery, just a few miles from where they lived. Their other maternal great great-grandparents were Clark William Stahl, born 26 May 1907 in DeKalb County; died 12 January 1989 in DeKalb County and Edna Louise (Bowman) Stahl, born 07 November 1915 in DeKalb County; died 16 March 1997 in Noble County. They lived in the Waterloo area all their lives and both are buried in the Waterloo Cemetery.

Their paternal grandparents are Terry Allison Walker, born 15 July 1946 in Fort Wayne, Allen County and Anne Kay (Eberly) Walker, born 19 May 1946 in Fort Wayne, Allen County. They were married on 05 August 1966, and live in Larwill, Indiana. Terry was a truck driver for 25 years for Essex, and is now retired, but still continues to work part-time. Anne has worked for Larwill Products for the last 17 years. The company has merged, and she continues to work for Noble Wire in Meriam, Indiana.

Terry's parents are the girls' great grandparents: Edward Walker, born 01 July 1917 and Edith Faye (Coverstone) Walker, born 09 December 1921. He worked at Gripco in South Whitley and retired from there. Edith worked at Chamberlin Products for 25 years, and is now retired. Both were born in Whitley County Hospital and continue to live in South Whitley. The girls' paternal great-great grandparents were Archie Brian Coverstone, born 10 March and died 09 November 1965. He was a farmer and a mail carrier. Edith's Mother was Maggie Lee (Oda) Egolf, born 17 November. They lived in Columbia City, but both are now deceased. Edward's father was William Landis Walker, born 30 September 1882; now deceased. Edward's mother was Ora Mae (Pence) Walker, born 2 February 1892; now deceased. They lived in Whitley County.

The girls' paternal great grandparents were also Anne's father: George Eberly, born in the Whitley County Hospital, and Thelma (Luckenbill) Eberly, born in North Manchester, Wabash County. They were married on 23 June 1945 and currently live in South Whitley. Their paternal great great grandparents were Louis Luckenbill, born 19 May and died in 1946 and Grace (Pence) Luckenbill, born in March and died in l974. Also, paternal great-great grandparents were Levi Eberly, born 28 February 1892; died in 1974, and Mary Etta (Michler) Eberly, born 01 December 1890; died in May 1976.

Submitted by Carolyn Stahl

Ernest Lewis Wallace and Violet Hazel Dilgard Wallace

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Ernest Lewis "Si" Wallace was born 05 May 1912 and raised on a farm on County Road 23 west of Cedar Lake, Indiana. He was the middle child of seven children. He was the son of Newton (b. 15 June 1887 DeKalb County) and Myrtle Wallace (b. 12 November 1882.)

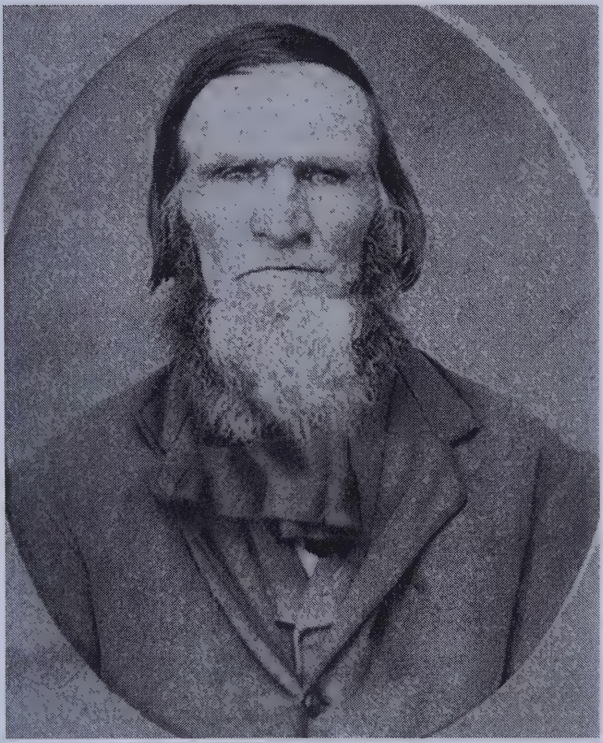
Si attended school at Hessen Cassel until the eighth grade. He loved fishing, farming and was good at carpentry. He married Violet Hazel Dilgard 04 August 1934 in Auburn. That afternoon, he and Violet went back to his parent's house for dinner and a wedding cake. He and his brother then went threshing the rest of the day. He and Violet set up housekeeping on County Road 20 west of County Road 23, northwest of Waterloo.

They had four children: Jack Lee (b. 17 August 1936 Auburn) and married Nancy Buttermore; Nancy Sue (b. 10 April 1938 Auburn) and married Bill Walters; Zella Jo (b. 24 November 1940 Auburn) and married (1) Ted Warstler (deceased) (2) Don Warstler; Linda Marie (b. 10 February 1945 Auburn) and married Francis "Joe" E. Dunn. They bought a farm south of Waterloo on CR 36 in 1947 where they lived the rest of their lives.

Violet Hazel Dilgard was born in Akron, Ohio 22 March 1916. She was the only daughter of David Dilgard (b. 24 October 1890) and Flossie Hanes (b. 13 September 1893). She had a half-sister, Helen Ann Dilgard Collins. Violet attended Auburn High School through her junior year. She married Ernest at the age of 18 years old. Violet worked at several factories in Auburn and finally worked in the DeKalb County Assessors Office at the Court

House for several years. She was very active in her church, Norris Chapel, and wrote articles for the church newsletters. Ernest Lewis "Si" died at the age of 61 on 25 January 1974 and is buried in the Waterloo Cemetery. Violet died at the age of 87 on 20 February 2004, and is also buried at the Waterloo Cemetery.

Submitted by Linda Wallace Dunn



Levi Walsworth

Levi J. Walsworth and Mary Ann Latson

Levi was born in Caledonia, Livingston County, New York on 05 May 1803.

He married Mary Ann Latson in 1826 and lived in Caledonia until 1834, when he moved to Sandusky Ohio where he resided four years, and then moved to DeKalb County, Indiana, in the fall of 1838 with his wife and four children, where he remained up to the time of his death. He was one of The early settlers of this county, and endured without a murmur the hardships consequent to pioneer life.

All who knew him so acknowledged him to be a man of great industry, unimpeachable honesty and stern integrity. He was an affectionate husband, a kind father, an obliging neighbor and a good citizen. By his industry he amassed sufficient wealth to afford him and his family a comfortable living, and by his honesty, kind heart, and willing hands, made many warm friends all over the county.

He was converted and joined the M. E. church in 1828, and together with his wife he entered the Methodist class in Auburn. Their house was the home for the preacher and the place of worship, where many that mourned were comforted and many hearts were made to realize the power of God unto salvation.

In the balmy days of June 1849, God laid his hand heavily upon him by removing his companion, Mary Ann Latson Walworth, to the house not made with hands. He then married Mrs. Elizabeth McEnterfer, but again found himself alone by the death of this companion in 1872. He was the father of seven children: two unknown children, William J. Walsworth, Sarah E. Walsworth Piatt, George J. (Jefferson) Walsworth, Wesley P. Walsworth and Matilda E. Walsworth Likens.

For several years, his system was prayed upon by consumption which caused his death 16 July 1880 aged 77 years, 2 months, and 11 days. He lived and died upon the farm entered by him forty-two years ago, and that when they first came to the county, Esq. Daniel A. Altenburg, now living in this city and Levi cut the first road from the Seventh Street Bridge on the east of town to their farm which adjoined. His burial took place in the Old Auburn Cemetery. His great great great nephew, Jim Wells, and great great great great niece, Amanda Wells, were there in September 2005, when a cemetery restoration gentleman, Mark Davis, fixed his stone.

Submitted by Jim Wells

Nancy Elizabeth Winslow and Jack Ware

Nancy Elizabeth Winslow was born 14 February 1943 to Lester Justus and Edith Elizabeth (Warstler) Winslow.

They lived on the Winslow Farm just off County Road 35, east of Auburn, Indiana. She had two older bothers, Elmer and Lionel Winslow.

Nancy attended Bog Island and Pyles grade schools east of Auburn. She graduated from Auburn High School in 1961.

She worked many years in her husband's family business (Allen Electric). In 2005 she retired from Arby's Restaurant where she worked for almost 12 years. She continued to work part time. She was an Assistant Manager for seven years. She enjoyed cooking and baking. Cookies were her favorite. Her greatest enjoyment was her grandchildren.

Nancy married Jack Ware 21 August 1965 in Auburn. They had two daughters. Susan Ann Ware was born 25 November 1967 in Auburn. Jennifer Elizabeth Ware was born 22 April 1978 in Auburn.

Jack passed away 27 February 1995.

Submitted by Irene Olney

William Watson, Jr.

William Watson, Jr. was born about 1827 in Ohio, likely Richland County, the only known son of William and Susan (Keffer) Watson.

William married Calista Potter on 21 June 1848 in Ohio. She was born in July 1827 in Ohio.

Sometime between 1848 and 1850 they immigrated to Indiana, settling in Cedar Creek Township in Allen County, next door to his father, William. By 1860 the farm had been developed into a productive agricultural center.

William and Calista had seven children: Samuel, Margaret, Susan, Rebecca, John, David, and Sarah.

William died on 06 May 1885 in Spencerville in DeKalb County, Indiana. Calista died 05 March 1900.

Submitted by Ralph O. Diehl

William Watson

William Watson was born in 1790 in Maryland, the third son of William and Mary (Whittington) Watson, Sr. Between 1800 and 1810 William lived with his parents in Frederick County, Maryland.

The family moved westward into early Ohio shortly after the territory became a state. William married Susan Keffer on 25 May 1813 in Jefferson County, which at that early time covered a large expanse of wilderness. Susan was born in 1792 in Virginia, of unknown parents.

By 1830 William and Susan were residing on a farm in Vermillion Township, Richland County, Ohio, near five other Watson relatives. Although it is not known when this family pioneered to early Indiana (he cannot be found in either Indiana or Ohio in 1840), the 1914 *History of DeKalb County, Indiana* states that "The first religious service held in Jackson Township was at the home of William Watson in 1839, and the preacher was Rev. James T. Robe, of the Methodist Episcopal denomination."

William and Susan had four known children: Matilda married William Henderson; Mary Ann married William J. McNabb, Sr. and farmed in Jackson Township; Margaret likely never married and was the primary caregiver for her father after her mother's death; William Watson, Jr., married Calista

Potter and took over the family farm in Cedar Creek Township.

Susan died 03 April 1849 in DeKalb County. After her death, William resided between 1850 and 1860 in Cedar Creek Township, Allen County, Indiana. Living with him was his unmarried daughter, Margaret.

William died in 1864 and is buried with his wife in the Watson Cemetery in Jackson Township, DeKalb County, Indiana.

The Watson family is an example of families pioneering westward together. The many branches of the Watson family moved into DeKalb and Allen Counties in such numbers that even today the early ancestors are confused.

Submitted by Ralph O. Diehl

The Watson Family

Aaron and Tabitha (Howey)
Mary Jane, Artie May and Willard
1887

See biography of Aaron's grandparents, John and Elizabeth Watson, on next page

John Watson and Elizabeth Simpson Watson Family

John and Elizabeth (Simpson) Watson and family came to DeKalb County, Jackson Township in 1836 from Richland County, Ohio. John was born to William and Mary (Whittington) Watson in Maryland. Children born to William and Mary: Mary (Bishop), Matilda (Wyatt), James W., William, Walter, Samuel, Nancy (DePew), Eleanor (DePew.)

John was married in Frederick County, Maryland to Elizabeth Simpson, daughter of Southy Simpson, a Revolutionary War soldier in Virginia

Watson children traveled the "Wyatt Trail" and the Black Swamp to DeKalb County around 1836-37. They bought two sections of land and shared with their children.

John and Elizabeth's children were: Thirzy (Smith), born in Maryland and Catharine (Hursh); William R, who married Susan Smith; Elizabeth (Hursh); Charles, who married Rachel Wyatt; Jesse, who married Mary Ann Osbun; Benjamin, who married (1) Elizabeth Zimmerman (2) Sarah Zimmerman; Isabell (Means); Mary (Osbun) and all were born in Ohio.

After Elizabeth's death, John married Fanny (Stewart) McGowan and they had a son James, who married Mary E. Howey. James fell to his death at Butler off a coal chute.

Jesse and Mary Ann both died in 1854, leaving four young children. Susanna and Elizabeth were raised by the McClellan family. Aaron lived with Isabell Means and John went to live with his Uncle William. After Mary Ann's death, Jesse married Harriet Steward, daughter of Fanny. Jessie then died the same year.

Aaron worked as a laborer and married Tabitha Howey, daughter of William and Mary Reed Howey. Aaron and Tabitha had three children: Mary Jane; Artie Mae; Willard, who married Dora Pearl Ferguson.

Aaron and Willard built new homes on the south edge of Auburn. Aaron was a farmer and laborer and Willard worked as a grinder at Auburn Automotive.

The 1918 flu epidemic took its toll and Dora Pearl died soon after the birth of Annabelle. Willard died a few months later in the Garrett Hospital with complications (emery dust in the lungs), leaving Elroy, Irvin and Nellie to live with their grandma, Tabitha.

In 1922, Nellie was adopted by Joke Johnson in Wells County, Indiana. Irvin was adopted by Claude and Joy Hilkert. Elroy was adopted by William Zerns after working as a laborer for Harrison Miller.

When Elroy was 18, he worked in the trim shop at Auburn Automotive and as a farm laborer. About 1932 Elroy went to Wells County to be close to his sister, Nellie and while in Wells County, Elroy partitioned the court and restored his birth name back to Watson. Elroy met and married Vera Bender in 1934. She was a neighbor. After working a few months for Auburn Automobile in Connersville, the couple started and continued the occupation of farming. There was one child born to this marriage, Patricia Watson. She grew up in Wells County and married Robert Dyson of Wabash. They had five children: David; Lois; Lorinda; DeAnn, were all born in DeKalb County and Dawn who was born in Noble County. Pat and Robert have six grandchildren and three great granddaughters.

Patricia helped organize the Watson Reunion in 1990 and was instrumental in saving the Watson Cemetery from destruction. She also published the Watson Cemetery Book in 2001 and a Genealogy Cookbook in 2002.

Patricia is an active member and volunteer of many genealogy and historical societies. She and her daughters are members of the Col. Augustin De La Balme DAR Chapter. Robert, his son, and grandson are in the SAR. They also have granddaughters in the DAR.

Submitted by Patricia Watson Dyson

Enos Weaver and Regina Ashleman

Enos Weaver was born 08 March 1833.

Enos married Regina Ashleman 10 October 1868.

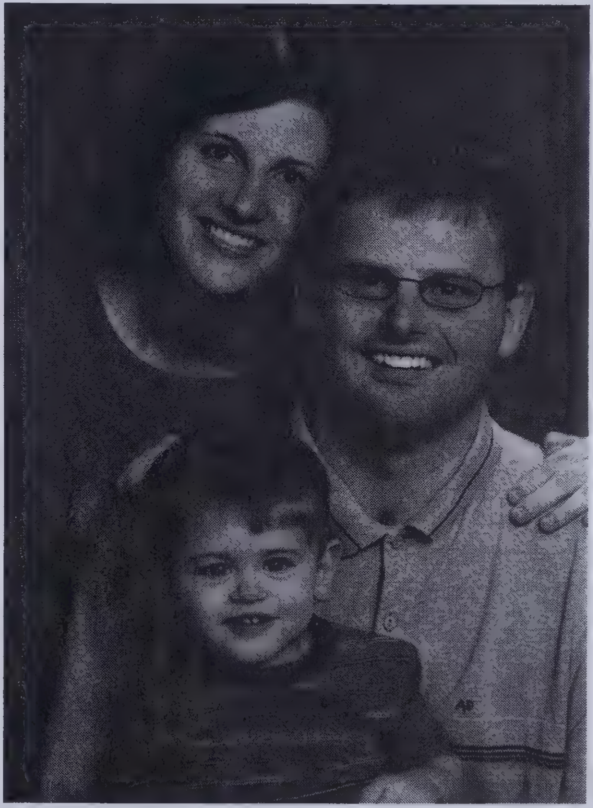
Regina was born 15 June 1841 in Ohio. Her parents were John Ulrich and Maria Everhart Ashleman. Regina's siblings included: a sister that died at sea on the trip to America, Elizabeth, Moses, Barbara, Mary, Anna, William, Christopher, and Rosa.

Regina came to Auburn, Indiana when she was two years old.

She was always sewing and also would embroider large tablecloths and pillow slips. She created big patterns as she embroidered, drawing in pencil directly upon the material, then picking up the needle to work on that. She would then start designing again. Her hair never turned gray, it was always brown. She wore a square of wool over her head, indoors and out, winter and summer. Regina was tall and always thin. Though her education was meager, she could read and write. According to a granddaughter, Regina had a sly sense of humor and loved to talk about her ten cent pair of store glasses, her herbs and flowers. A son, Albert, said she was a good member of the Presbyterian Church and said she had read the Bible all the way through, three different times. She loved to draw pictures. She passed away on 10 April 1925. She had been in poor health for several years. She contracted a cold while gardening and it developed into bronchial pneumonia.

Enos and Regina had four children: Albert who was born 02 December 1871. He married Grace Weamer in October 1895 but divorced; Adilla Maude who was born 17 September 1873 and died 17 May 1874; William who was born 05 August 1875 and died 16 April 1943. He married Estella Parry about 1908 but they divorced; Franklin who was born 30 April 1880 and died 02 December 1915 of tuberculosis.

Submitted by Terry Franzman



Jaime Lyn Wells (Hanni-Wells) and Michael Roy Hanni (Hanni-Wells)
In front: Austin Michael Hanni-Wells

Jaime Lyn (Wells) Hanni-Wells and Michael (Hanni) Hanni-Wells

Jaime Lyn Wells was born 06 September 1979 at DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn, Indiana. Her parents are James and Roselyn (Mills) Wells. Jaime has one sister, Amanda Lucille Wells.

Michael "Mike" was born 10 April 1979 in San Angelo, Texas. His parents were Bobby Hodges (born 31 January 1959 Alamogordo, New Mexico and died 02 April 1996 Spearman, Texas) and Amy Waggoner Hanni (born 01 July 1957). Bobby married Jeanette Tindall and they had one child together, Tiffany. Jeanette brought to their marriage, two children, Hailey and Trevor which Bobby loved as his own. Amy has since married Steve Rice and lives in Steuben County. Mike has many brothers and sisters. His ancestors include John Waggoner, a life-guard to George Washington and George Waggoner that was an early blacksmith and grocer in Auburn in the early 1840's.

Mike and Jaime met and started dating their freshman year at Hamilton High School. It was very hard to have time for their friends and activities, and still have time for themselves. They were very important to each other. Mike and Jaime were married, after dating six years, on 05 August 2000. Mike and Jaime both changed their last name to Hanni-Wells.

Jaime grew up on the family farm in rural Ashley and loved the country and having her friends over. Once, when she was a little girl, Jaime jumped off the back porch and froze when she saw a cougar in the back yard. She ran one way while the cougar ran the other. She went to get her parents, very frightened, but was told there were not any cougars in the area and it had to have been a dog that she saw. A year or two later, a cougar was caught close to where she lived. Her parents were very shocked and thankful that the cougar went the other way. Jaime went to school at Ashley (Kindergarten), Fairfield (1-5), DeKalb Middle School (6-7) and Hamilton (8-12). In 1998 she graduated third in her class with a 3.7 out of a possible 4.0. As a child she was active in church youth programs, 4-H (went to State once), Science Fairs (went to regional once), Jr. high track, Jr. high cross country, Jr. high volleyball, and Jr. high basketball. In high school she earned 10 letters in Cross Country, Cheerleading, Track and Volleyball. Jaime was the Captain of her volleyball team her senior year and enjoyed playing Club volleyball on the travel team in Fort Wayne. Jaime was a class officer all the way through high school and was President and Vice President of Science Club. She also was President of Art Club two years, President, Secretary and Vice President of French Club. She was a member of the English and Interdisciplinary Academic Teams, S.T.A.N.D., National Honor Society, Prom Committee, Dekko Scholarship Committee, was involved in musicals, plays and was a teacher helper. Her freshman volleyball team won NECC and her relay team broke four track records. One record had not been broken in 10 years. Jaime was in the Prom Court, nominated for the Heissman award, chosen for the Hoosier Girl's State Representative and won quite a few scholarships for college. She had gotten letters from various colleges asking if she was interested in playing sports but decided to devote her time to studying. She graduated Summa Cum Laude at Ball State University with her B. A. Degree and obtained her Masters of Science in Physiology. She is an alumnus of Kappa Alpha Theta.

Michael moved to Metz when he was about eight and attended Hamilton Schools. He was very active in sports, earning many honors. He played basketball, soccer, and baseball in High School and was on the track team in junior high. He won the NECC award in baseball. He was recognized as an outstanding Goalie at Soccer, his freshman through senior years. He was very active in school activities even though he worked at various jobs since the age of 14. Mike, while in high school developed a love of telecommunications which he continued studying in college. Mike liked being behind the camera in his freshman year at IPFW and in front of the camera when he transferred to Ball State University. He also was very good at weather forecasting and started taking classes involving geography and weather. Mike graduated from Ball-State University with both a B. A. Degree in Geography and Masters Degree in Meteorology.

Mike loves sports of all types. He enjoys playing golf and bowling and going to Poker Tournaments. He also watches different sports on Television. Since moving to Ohio, he misses watching the Cubs and the Colts. In college, he also had the opportunity to go storm chasing out west with his Meteorology class at Ball State. He saw a "Mothership" which is a very rare weather system of turbulent and non turbulent clouds. His teacher had gone storm chasing for 13 years and had only seen two of these. He went again the next year and saw many funnel clouds and an active tornado. He traveled to New Mexico, Texas, Idaho, Missouri, Nevada, and many other states.

Jaime and Mike went on a cruise to the Southern Caribbean for their honeymoon and have traveled to Texas a few times to get to know his Texas family. When they were dating, Mike came with Jaime and Jaime's family to Florida, Canada, New York, Ohio, and Pennsylvania.

Jaime and Mike became parents for the first time on 10 February 2004 to Austin Michael Hanni-Wells, who was born in Muncie, Indiana. He was six weeks early but is now a very healthy active boy who enjoys playing with his toys, in his sandbox and watching Elmo videos. He likes the outdoors and loves animals of all sorts whether at the zoo, at his grand-parents home in Auburn, or at home playing with his puppies and cat. Showing his love of animals, kitty was one of his first words.

Mike works at UPS and is very busy taking care of the house maintenance and yard work, and also taking care of Austin during the day. Jaime works at Blanchard Valley Regional Health Center, Findlay, in Cardiac Rehab and Stress Testing, coming home to do her shift of work at home. They live in Findlay, Ohio.

Mike and Jaime Hanni-Wells

Amanda Lucille Wells

Amanda Lucille Wells was born 07 April 1978 at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn, Indiana to James Anthony Wells and Roselyn Iris Mills Wells. She has one sister, Jaime Hanni-Wells and a brother-in-law, Michael Hanni-Wells. Amanda has one nephew, Austin Hanni-Wells.

Amanda Lucille Wells and Austin Hanni-Wells, her nephew

Amanda grew up on the same farm her mother grew up on County Road 17, Fairfield Township, about two miles west of Ashley, Indiana. Amanda found it amusing that it was on this farm when she was dropped on her head. She had jerked back when the sun got in her eyes and her dad lost his grip on her. She fell about eight feet as her dad was standing at the top of the porch steps. Her parents immediately took her to the hospital. The doctor joked and said she was ok and that is where the saying "Bouncing Babies" comes from.

As a child, Amanda enjoyed mushroom hunting, riding her bike, playing make believe and running through cornfields. Unfortunately she was very allergic to corn and would break out in hives. She loved being with her friends and would have frequent sleepovers. She grew up in the Pleasant Chapel Church of the Brethren of rural Ashley. Amanda was in many clubs and organizations in grade school, junior high, high school and college. In junior and high school, she was in musicals and plays, band, student council, manager of the basketball team and soccer team, was an officer in the National Honor Society and Spanish Club. She was the first President of the Hamilton High School Art Club, being instrumental in getting it started. She was the chair of the Dance Marathon at Ball State as part of her Kappa Alpha Theta activities. She also has been a member of many clubs relating to her professional and academic fields in college.

She attended Pleasant Time Preschool, kindergarten at Ashley, elementary School at Fairfield School, Waterloo and McIntosh as part of a gifted/talented program, DeKalb Middle School and one year at DeKalb High School where she participated in the All Girls' Swing Choir, "Sound Sensation." She then attended Hamilton High School where they did not have a show choir so she enrolled in art and discovered she could draw. This epiphany came while drawing a skunk. She enjoyed art and art classes so much; she made the decision to be an Art Teacher. She went to Ball State University graduating with a BS in 2000. Since then, as part of her academic career, she has taken additional classes at the University of St. Francis.

During High School and College, Amanda worked for Scott's Food Stores in Angola and Auburn, Fun Spot Amusement Park near Angola, Eaton Corporation in Auburn and for Ball State University. Amanda did her student teaching at East Noble High School. She taught Art at Elmhurst High School and is currently in her fourth year of teaching at Forest Park Elementary.

Amanda has traveled to Europe, Mexico, Canada, Grand Cayman Island, Belize, and many states in the U.S. She collects jewelry and antiques, her favorites being beaded purses and period clothing. When she bought her grandmother's home, she had the opportunity to decorate with items from her travels and her antiques. She is an officer of the DeKalb County Genealogy Society, published the newsletter for four years, and has served on many committees. She also is an Alumni of Kappa Alpha Theta. In her spare time, she buys and sells on eBay, loves exploring antique shops, and is an exhibiting local artist in watercolor and colored pencil.

Submitted by Amanda Wells

Harvey Wells and Wilmetta Harriet Hanes

Harvey Wells was born 30 October 1909 in Mariba, Wellington, Kentucky and died 26 September 1971 of a heart attack. His parents were John Wells and Elizabeth

"Lizzie" Kendrick. His maternal grandparents were Alice Gullett and John Lewis Kendrick. His paternal grandparents were Martha Pierce and John Wells. Harvey's great grandparents were Richard M. Wells and Sarah Smith. Richard M. Wells' father was Richard Wells (b. about 1779)

Harvey worked as a butcher and factory worker. He was on the police force, becoming the Chief of Police of Waterloo for eleven years until his death. He loved horses and target shooting. He also liked collecting antiques and guns. He played the guitar and while living in Dayton, Ohio, he had his own radio show singing country western music. He was known as "The Kentucky Mountain Boy." Harvey was a member of the Auburn Baptist Church.

Harvey was also a hard worker, very often, working 12-hour shifts. He loved going down south to visit his relatives and made many tapes singing his country western favorites.

Wilmetta Hanes Wells and Harvey Wells

Harvey was married three times: (1) Vera Louise Morris; divorced. (2) Helen May Helton; divorced. (3) Wilmetta Harriet Hanes; 11 April 1951.

Harvey had one child with Helen, his second wife: Roma Jean was born 19 January 1944 in DeKalb County. She married Harold Kapp and they had four children: William, Mary, who died in infancy, Nancy Jane, Beth Ann.

Harvey and Wilmetta, his third wife, had two children: James Anthony Wells b. 15 February 1952. Jim married Roselyn Mills 05 November 1971. Timothy John Wells was born 02 July 1954. Tim married first, Elizabeth Monika Buttner 18 June 1976. Tim and Elizabeth were divorced. He married second, Cathy Reinoehl 04 July.

Wilmetta Harriet Hanes was born 02 April 1918 in Waterloo and died 06 December 1970. Her parents were Harry Altenburg "Alt" Hanes and Susanna Wilmetta Copeland. According to her grade cards, she was an average student with usually average grades. One year, she did really bad and it is speculated it was the year she had diphtheria. As an adult, she was a telephone operator at Goshen and then at Auburn. Wilmetta was a very loving caring person and was very close to her family. She loved seeing her brother and sisters and went on frequent trips with her Aunt Clara. She loved Roma as if she were own and was a very good mother to Tim and Jim. Wilmetta worked very hard, in her home and as a telephone operator working twelve hour days. There are stories of her helping locate people and calling the police when it was needed. She extended her love to all she came into contact with. She enjoyed playing Yahtzee and traveling. She died of breast cancer, like her mother did. Wilmetta was a member of the Waterloo Methodist Church.

Submitted by Jim and Roselyn Wells

The James and Roselyn (Mills) Wells Family

Back Row L to R: Michael Roy (Hanni) Hanni-Wells, Jaime Lyn (Wells) Hanni-Wells, Amanda Wells
Front Row: James Anthony Wells, Austin Michael Hanni-Wells, Roselyn Iris (Mills) Wells

James Anthony Wells and Roselyn Iris Mills

James "Jim" Anthony Wells was born 15 February 1952 at Sacred Heart Hospital in Garrett, Indiana, to Harvey Wells (b. 1909 d. 1971) and Wilmetta Harriett Hanes Wells (b. 1919 d. 1970).

As a child living in Waterloo, Jim enjoyed riding his bike, shooting targets with his father, and exploring the many fascinating facets of the town of Waterloo. One day, Jim and a couple of friends were digging a fort. They found Indian relics and Jim gave his to his friend. As a teen, Jim worked at a restaurant mopping floors and at Indiana Decorative for Don Dangler. As a senior in high school, he went to school one half day and then worked the other half day of school at Indiana Decorative. He also worked the evening hours, working far later than he should have. He graduated in 1971.

At DeKalb High School, he met Rozzy Mills and they started dating senior week. They married 05 November 1971 at Pleasant Chapel Church of the Brethren located near Ashley, Indiana, where they attended church for many years.

Roselyn "Rozzy" Iris Mills was born in Waukesha, Wisconsin 16 April 1953 to Russell Thomas Mills (b. 1908 d. 1987) and Golda Marie Rowe (b. 1911 d. 1972). She moved with her parents to rural Ashley when she was but six months old. As a child, Roselyn remembers being her mom's "dog," going around the far side of the tree when her mom went squirrel hunting. The squirrel would then go to the side of the tree where her mom could see it. The squirrel would be made into squirrel pot pie which was a treat that her family enjoyed. Golda had grown up in a family of eight brothers and one sister. Golda was very competitive and was very much a tom boy. Golda taught these skills to her children, including Roselyn, when it was unusual at that time for a woman to fish or hunt and Golda was one of the best in the area. Roselyn attended Fairfield School, Ashley Junior High and DeKalb High School. In high school, she was an officer in Future Business Leaders of America and Spanish Club, circulation manager for the school newspaper, a photographer for the yearbook, was in student service for four years, proofread for the school newspaper, and was involved in many activities and clubs at school. She took many business classes in her high school years. One of the things she remembers is making her senior "cords". In your senior year, you made a jumper out of yellow corduroy and decorated it with paints. You would put all the clubs you were in, special interests you had, a nickname if you had one and any dances you had gone to (complete with drawn themes.) This was something special to look forward to as a senior.

Rozzy grew up on the farm that her parents had bought in 1953. After marrying, Jim and she lived in Waterloo and in 1974 bought the 34 acre farm from her father and lived there until about 1992 when they moved to Auburn. They also rented a house at Hamilton Lake for many years.

Jim and Roz had three children with their first resulting in a premature stillborn birth April of 1972. He is buried in the Waterloo Cemetery. They have two girls: Amanda Lucille (b. 07 April 1978) and Jaime Lyn (b. 06 September 1979). Amanda graduated from Ball State University and works at Forest Park Elementary in Fort Wayne as an Art Teacher. Jaime graduated with her B.S. and Masters at Ball State University and is working at Blanchard Valley Hospital in Findlay, Ohio, in the Cardiac Rehab Department. Jaime married Michael Hanni in 2000 and they both changed their last name to Hanni-Wells. Michael also received his B.S. and Masters at Ball State. Jaime and Mike have one child, Austin Michael Hanni-Wells who was born 10 February 2004. Austin was premature by six weeks and that makes him even more precious as a first grandchild.

Roselyn has worked at Sandy's Restaurant in Angola as a waitress and after graduating worked at Central Soya of Fort Wayne as a Clerk-Typist. Roselyn also worked at Pleasant Time Preschool in rural Ashley as teacher and director for eight years. She also worked as an Avon Representative many years. She tried her hand at helping Jim bale hay at Lloyd Mertz's once. She threw hay up on the wagon until she sprained her ankle in a groundhog hole. Then she tried driving the tractor (for the first time) and ended up tipping the wagon, again in a groundhog hole. She then called it quits. Now, Roselyn works harder as a volunteer but doesn't get paid for it.

Jim worked at Indiana Decorative, Bohn Aluminum in Butler, Flint and Walling in

Kendallville, delivered apples for Owen Teegardin of rural Ashley, farmed for Lloyd Mertz, and worked at Dana Corporation. He retired after 30 years from Dana/Eaton Corporation and then worked for Excellent Adventures, driving a bus and is currently emplyed at Bralin Laser, driving a truck.

Jim enjoys watching races, working on a model railroad, learning about Interurban trains, reading mysteries and watching television. Jim has always been there to actively help Roz in her volunteer work.

Roselyn enjoys genealogy, history, volunteering at Forest Park and the libraries, and playing computer games. She has been the President of the DeKalb County Genealogy Society for five years and has been newsletter editor, query editor, and membership chair. She has worked on many books for the society and has published books on her own relating to her family's history. Roselyn has indexed many books and compiled many books related to DeKalb, including Butler Obituary books. She is also a member of the DeKalb County Historical Society and Steuben Genealogy Society. She and Jim have always taken the time to be active in their children's lives especially during their school years, volunteering and supporting them as much as possible. Roselyn was on the Fairfield PTO, was a member of the Parent Advisory Board of DeKalb Junior High and DeKalb Senior High, and at various times a classroom helper for different special activities.

Submitted by Jim and Roselyn Wells

John Turner Wells and Elizabeth Kendrick

John Turner "Shady Grove" Wells was born on 06 May 1869 in Kentucky. His parents were John Wells (b. 26 January 1826 Bath County, Kentucky d. 14 April 1891, Kentucky) and Martha "Patsy" Pierce (b. 22 May 1829 Fleming County, Kentucky d. 07 September 1894). His paternal grandparents were Richard M. Wells (b. 1804 Bath County, Kentucky d. 1870) and Sarah E. Smith (b. 1806 d. 1892). His maternal grandparents were Jacob Pierce and Barbara Sagaser. Jacob and Barbara were married in 1812 in Fayette County, Kentucky.

John Turner married his first wife, Wildie Borders on 01 September 1892. Wildie was born in November 1877. She probably died before 1903. John and Wildie had three children: John "Henry" Wells, Chester Wells and Annie Wells.

John "Henry" Wells was born 10 September 1893 Menifee County, Kentucky and died 10 October 1968 in Butler County, Ohio. John married Nancy Jane Kendrick (b. 05 August 1885 Menifee County, Kentucky d. 18 January 1916). Nancy Jane was a sister to Elizabeth "Lizzie", who became John's third wife.

Chester Wells was born 15 July 1900 and died 15 April 1985 in Menifee County, Kentucky. He married Mary Fields (b. about 1898), daughter of William and Louelza. Mary was the sister of Hiram Fields, which was the second husband of Annie Fields. Annie was the daughter of John Turner Wells.

Annie Wells married her first husband, William Henry Meadows (b. 17 May 1900 d. 30 January 1978) on 10 April 1918. They had one child, Howard Meadows (b.19 February 1919 Menifee County, Kentucky d. June 1998 DeKalb County, Indiana). They were divorced. She married Hiram Fields and had five children: Alfred, Grace, Eva, Pauline, and Dorsey.

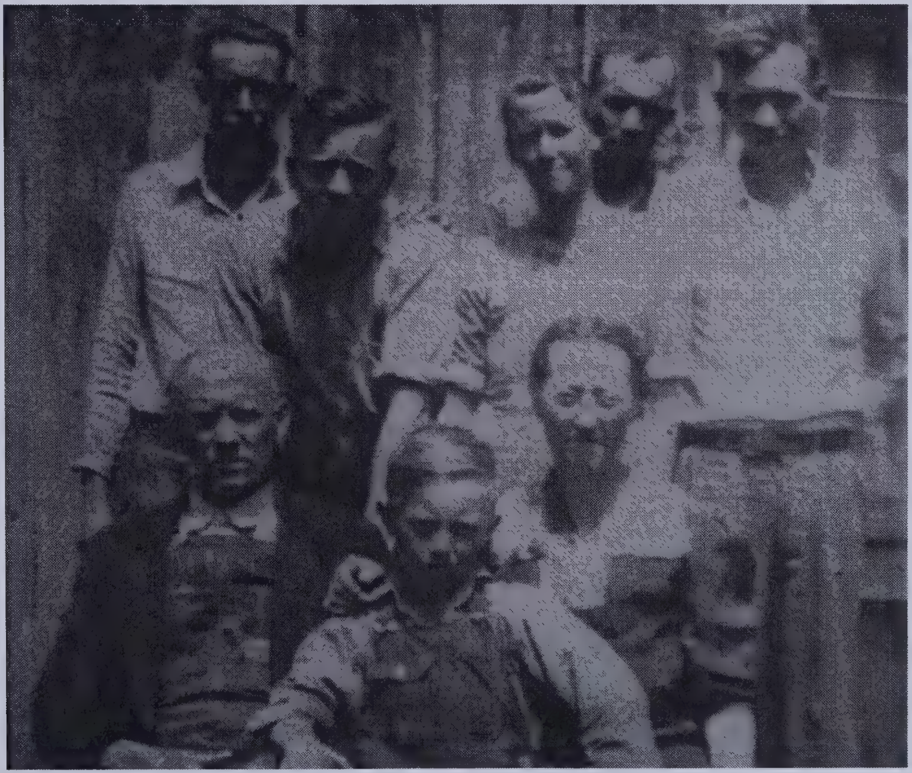
John Turner married his second wife, Martha Howard Tincher (b. about 1872 d. probably before 1920). They had one child together, Jack Harrison Wells (b. 24 June 1904 d. 25 February 1983).

Elizabeth "Lizzie" Kendrick (b. 18 October

1888 Mariba, Kentucky) was the third wife of John Turner. They married 18 July 1908. She was the second of six children belonging to John Lewis Kendrick (b. 15 March 1862 Bath County, Kentucky d. 28 February 1920) and Alice Gullet (b. 03 October 1864 Wolf County, Kentucky) Lizzie came to DeKalb County about 1942. John and Elizabeth had two children together: Harvey (b. 30 October 1909 Mariba, Kentucky d. 26 September 1971 Auburn, Indiana) and Oscar Wells (b. about 1926). Harvey was married three times. He had no children by his first wife, Vera Morris. He had one child, Roma Wells Kapp by his second wife, Helen Helton and two children, Jim and Tim Wells by his third wife, Wilmetta Hanes. According to one of his older sons, he was a crippled man, shot during a brawl. He made coffins, saddles and chairs. They lived on Betty Gap Ridge, over the hill from Mort Botts' in a log cabin. His nickname was suppose to have come from his wanting to nap under the shade trees thus in a "Shady Grove" area. John died 28 December 1941 of paralysis due to cerebral hemorrhage.

Lizzie was a small Kentucky woman. One of her grandsons remembers her great cornbread and biscuits that she would make. She and two other relatives lived together across from where DeKalb High School was built. She was a member of the Church of Christ in Waterloo, Indiana. She died 03 December 1974 at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn, Indiana.

Submitted by Jim and Roz Wells



The John and Elizabeth Wells Family

L to R Front: John "Shady Grove", Oscar, Elizabeth "Lizzie" Back Row: ? Wells, Harvey Wells, Annie Wells, ? Wells, ? Wells. The Wells' boys not identified in the back row are Jack, John "Henry", and Chester—order unknown.

The Wells Family

Timothy John Wells and Cathy Eileen Reinoehl

Timothy John Wells was born in Auburn, Indiana 02 July 1954. His parents were Harvey Wells and Wilmetta (Hanes) Wells. His paternal grandparents were John Wells and Elizabeth (Kendrick) Wells. His maternal grandparents were Harry Altenburg Hanes and Susanna Wilmetta (Copeland) Hanes. Timothy joined the Army after graduating from DeKalb High School in 1972. He spent ten years living in Wurzburg, Germany. Timothy worked at Guardian Industries in Auburn and Pullman Industries in Butler, after returning from Germany. He enjoys music and clowning. He loves telling Bible related stories as "Colors" the clown. Sometimes he and his youngest son clown together. Timothy is a member of the Pleasant Chapel Church of the Brethren, near Ashley, Indiana.

Timothy was married two times. (1) Elisabeth Monika Buttner 18 June 1976; (Germany) they were divorced. (2) Cathy Eileen Reinoehl 04 July 1986.

Timothy and Elisabeth had three children: Heidi Elisabeth Wilmetta b. 25 November 1977. Heidi married Ken Wydock b. 06 July 1970 on 23 December 2002. Ken is in the U.S. Air Force and works in the National Airborne Operations Center; Jeannette Lillie b. 29 April 1982. Jeannette is a Dental Hygienist in a German university hospital; Christopher James b. 22 Oct 1983. He is in the U.S. Air Force and Works as an Aerospace Ground Equipment Mechanic. Christopher married Brandi Frillman Leland b. 27 March 1984 on 01 July 03. They have two children. Milah Nicole Leland b. 10 April 2002 and Jacie Eileen b. 18 September 2004. Timothy and Cathy also have one child together, Derek Paul-Harvey b. 19 August 1987. He is a senior at DeKalb High School.

Cathy was born 27 April 1954 in Angola, Indiana. Her parents are Paul Reinoehl and Jean (Shoemaker) Reinoehl. Her paternal grandparents were John Reinoehl and Effie (Hamman) Reinoehl. Her maternal grandparents were Marlton Shoemaker and Daisy (Tritch) Shoemaker. Cathy graduated from DeKalb High School in 1972. She graduated from Manchester College in 1976 with a BS in elementary education. She went on to receive her Masters at Indiana University in 1979. She has taught first, second and fourth grade and Reading Recovery for DeKalb Central Schools. She has been an elementary school teacher since September 1976. Cathy took in Timothy's children as her own. She likes to scrap book, knit and sew. She is a member of the Pleasant Chapel Church of the Brethren.

Submitted by Timothy and Cathy Wells

Gregg Robert Williamson and Dena Gaye Durrett

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Gregg Robert Williamson was born at Witman Memorial Hospital, Lebanon, Boone County, Indiana on 27 September 1957. He is the son of Robert Merle Williamson and Joan Elizabeth Heidenreich. At the time of his birth his family resided in Lizton, Hendricks County, Indiana. He has two older sisters, Cheryl Lynn George of Greencastle, Putnam County, Indiana and Pamela Sue Coers of Danville, Hendricks County, Indiana. Gregg has a younger brother, John Bradley Williamson, who lives in Clinton Falls, Putnam County, Indiana. In 1967 Gregg and his family moved to Speedway, Marion County, Indiana, and a suburb of Indianapolis, Indiana. He graduated from Speedway High School in 1976. Immediately after high school Gregg served a full-time religious mission for the Church of Jesus of Latter-day Saints (Mormon) in the Colorado-Wyoming area.

On 28 December 1978 he married Dena Gaye Durrett. Dena was born in Portales, New Mexico, on 16 January 1961, the daughter of Jerry Dean Durrett and Gayla Hibbits. She has an older brother, Gary Dean Durrett of Gilbert, Arizona. Dena's father was a geophysicist employed in the petroleum industry and she grew up around the world in locations including, California, Indonesia, Denmark, England and Colorado. Gregg and Dena were married in Mesa, Arizona.

Gregg attended Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana until 1980 when he entered the United States Army during which time he was assigned to Fort Wainwright, Alaska and Fort Campbell, Kentucky where he served as legal clerk. While stationed in Alaska Gregg earned an Associate of Applied Science degree in Para-professional counseling. After a brief break in service, during which time he earned a Bachelor of Science in History from Ball State, he returned to active duty with the U.S. Army Reserve with assignments in Indiana, Utah and Wisconsin. During his service in the army service he served as an administrative supervisor and later a supply sergeant. Gregg completed his final tour of duty with the military in Fort Wayne, Indiana. During that assignment he enrolled in graduate school at Indiana University. He took classes at the campus in Fort Wayne and Indianapolis and earned his Masters of Library Science in December 2001. Upon graduation Gregg was hired as the first manager of the new William H. Willennar Genealogy Center, a service of the Eckhart Public Library in Auburn, Indiana.

Submitted by Gregg Williamson

Dena works as an acquisitions clerk for the Historical Genealogy Department of the Allen County Public Library, Fort Wayne, Indiana. Gregg and Dena have three children, Brittney Anne, born 20 January 1980, Robert Alexander, born 24 June 1981, and Michael Allen, born 25 March 1983.

Gregg enjoys public service and held several adult leadership positions in both Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts, including Scoutmaster, Cubmaster, Troop Committee Chairman and District Committee Member. He earned the Eagle Scout award as a youth and the District Award of Merit as an adult.

Gregg and Dena continue to attend and serve in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, attending a Fort Wayne congregation. Gregg also is a member of the DeKalb County Indiana Genealogy Society and is an officer of the DeKalb County Historical Society and serves as the editor of that organization's quarterly newsletter.

Submitted by Gregg Williamson

Joseph D. Williamson and Jemima "Nina" B. Gourley

Joseph D. Williamson, Sr. was born 21 February 1844 in Westmoreland, Pennsylvania. His parents were John and Frances Williamson.

He married Jemima B. Gourley on 12 April 1872 in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania. Her parents were Samuel and Sarah Gourley.

Joseph first enlisted at Apollo, Pennsylvania, 17 April 1861 as a Private in Company G., 11th Regiment, P. R. C. 2d Brig., 3rd Division, 1st Corps; he was slightly wounded twice; he re-enlisted at Bristoe Station 31 December 1863, and served with his regiment until 30 May 1864, when he with all the Veterans of his Regiment were mustered as Company C., 190th Pennsylvania. V. I.; he served as a Color Bearer of the 11th from May 05 until the Regiment was mustered out 30 May 1864; he was in the 7 days battles on the Peninsula under George B. McClellan, 2d Bull's Run, South Mt., Antietam, Fredericksburg, Gettysburg, Wilderness Spotsylvania C. H., Laurel Hill, Petersburg, Weldon R. R., in which battle he was captured and held as a prisoner of war until 14 February 1865, when he was paroled and honorably discharged at Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, 16 June 1865. He had two brothers in the service, Alvin and Benjamin; Alvin was captured at Spotsylvania C. H. 30 May 1864, and taken to Andersonville, where he was held 16 months, then to Florence where he died. Benjamin was killed at the Battle of Lookout Mountain. Mrs. Williamson had one brother in the

Joseph D. Williamson, Sr.

service. Joseph served three years in the Regular Army after the War and was honorably discharged. He had enlisted 30 June 1866 in the Regular Cavalry for service in the Indian War in Arizona and New Mexico.

When finally mustered out of the service, he had served his country 7 years, 2 months, and 10 days.

When the State Troops were ordered to Hammond in 1894, to assist in suppressing the great railroad strike, Williamson begged to be permitted to go with Company K, of Auburn, and did go and served as cook during the time in which the regiments were being recruited and mustered into the United States service in Indianapolis. He accompanied the 157th Indiana Volunteer Infantry to Chickamauga, Georgia, where he continued to serve as cook for Company K, serving well cooked food to the men when they needed it the most, when they were changing from the home life to the camp life, until sickness rendered him unable to work longer and compelled him to return to Indiana.

He brought with him a recommendation from Major Kuhlman to the Governor of Indiana that he was authorized to raise a company of Volunteers and that he should be commissioned as Captain. However, this section of Indiana had already furnished more than its share of the first five regiments and the Governor could not well accept another company, so Mr. Williamson was not permitted further service during the Spanish War. Major Kuhlman had rendered a statement of the services of Comrade Williamson to the Commander-in-Chief of the United Spanish War Veterans and authority was granted to elect him as an honorary member of the order and he was mustered as a member of the Kuhlman Camp, No. 14 on Wednesday evening and now wears the bronze emblem of the United Spanish War Veterans, a privilege enjoyed by but few Civil War Veterans. The military record of Mr. Williamson is distinguished, as he has in reality served in three wars besides the "strike" in 1894.

Joseph was a teacher of the Sunday school, belonging to St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Auburn, Indiana. He held the position of court bailiff, of the circuit court for fourteen years. He was a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, The Eastern Star, Spanish-American War Veterans, and DeKalb Lodge No. 214, F. A. M. of Auburn.

Joseph Sr. and Jemima had thirteen children: Bertha Williamson, Sarah J. Williamson Wherley, Margaret Williamson Sherer, Frances E. Williamson, Nellie Williamson, Harry S. Williamson (married Alice Kerns), Samuel G. Williamson, John T. Williamson, James Williamson, George Williamson, Ladie Williamson, Joseph D. Williamson, Jr., and unknown child.

Sarah J. Williamson married Fred Wherley.

Frances Williamson had an operation in 1912. She had eight tumors and a number of smaller ones removed in addition to infected parts. They were not sure if they were going to lose her at that time. We could not find an obituary for her.

Harry Williamson married Alice Kerns (b. in Coesse, Indiana). They had one child, Elizabeth Maxine (b. 05 June 1916 Auburn).

Ladie Williamson (b. 03 April 1881 d. 10 June 1898). He died in Corunna, Indiana, when he was only 17. In his obituary, it says he was teased by children but he led an upright life and was industrious and free-hearted, sometimes giving away his hard earned money to others. He was always there to do errands and chores for anyone. He led a Christian life.

Joseph D. Williamson, Jr. (b. 12 March 1882 Corunna, Indiana d. 07 December 1954 Fort Wayne, Indiana) married Mary Adelphia Hanes on 22 October 1925 in Elkhart, Indiana. Joseph Jr. was in the Spanish American War. He worked in the body factory and was an electrician. Mary and Joseph Jr. had one child, Mary Lou "Peg" Williamson. Peg married Charles Crouch on 11 July 1947 in Auburn, Indiana. They had five children: John C. Crouch, David L. Crouch (deceased), Michael J. Crouch, Therese J. Crouch Bunn, and Thomas W. Crouch. Joseph Jr. is buried in the Woodlawn Cemetery. Mary died 23 December 1980 and is buried in the Immaculate Conception Catholic Cemetery, in Auburn, Indiana.

Submitted by Peg Williamson

Frank Welcome Willis

Frank Welcome Willis was born in Syracuse (at that time called Salinas), New York, 13 June 1842, the son of J. Henry Willis and Emerline Hewitt Willis. He was one of six children in that union, of whom only three survived early childhood, he, his brother Moses B. and his sister Mary Emeline. He came to DeKalb County with his family in 1844, settling first on a farm in Richland Township and later in Waterloo, where his father first served as Sheriff and several years later became the proprietor of the Waterloo Book and Stationery Store. In 1861, Frank enlisted in Co. K 44th Indiana Voluntary Infantry and participated in many Civil War battles, including Shiloh, Stone River, and Chickamauga. He was wounded three times.

Following the war he worked for a few years as a claims agent for Civil War pensioners. After his discharge from military service, he was appointed Assistant Assessor and Deputy Collector for the Tenth Congressional District. On 27 October 1868, he married Josephine Dickinson, daughter of Timothy Rose Dickinson and Mary Youngman Dickinson. Josephine had been one of the first women to attend Oberlin College in Ohio. In the year prior to his marriage to Josephine Dickenson, Frank erected a brick home on Center Street in Waterloo, where the two spent all of their married lives. Frank and Josephine were the parents of nine children, including Raymond Willis, who was later elected to the United States Senate from Indiana.

In 1884, Frank Willis formed a partnership with E.P. Dickinson, the son of his brother-in-law, Timothy Youngman Dickinson, who had founded *The Waterloo Press*, and for a number of years he was the paper's editor. A few years later, when E P. Dickinson left the business to move to Kansas, Frank joined forces with his oldest son, Herbert C. in publishing the paper. In 1894, he was elected to the Indiana Legislature. Ill health prevented him from seeking a second term. He died 19 May 1913. Josephine Willis died 02 March 1932.

Submitted by Cynthia Willis Pinkerton

James Bruce Arthello "Thell" Wilson and Mary Anna Baughman

James Bruce Arthello "Thell" Wilson was born 07 October 1869 in Wilmington Township, DeKalb County, Indiana. His parents were John and Amanda Wilson.

James married Mary Anna Baughman (b. 02 January 1874) on 26 September 1895.

Mary Anna was the daughter of Isaiah and Sophia Weeks Baughman. Isaiah (b. 05 January 1843 Carroll County, Ohio) was the son of John and Nancy (Slentz) Baughman, natives of Pennsylvania. In 1844 Isaiah and his parents moved to DeKalb County and entered a track of land from the government on section 23, Union Township. He enlisted in defense of the Union in September 1861 in Company H, Thirtieth Indiana Infantry and discharged in February 1862 due to ill health. In August 1862, Isaiah enlisted again with Company A, 88th Indiana Infantry. He was wounded at Stone River and was discharged again. In March 1864, having recovered, he served with Company A, First Indiana Heavy Artillery and was discharged January 1866.

Mary Anna's parents, Isaiah Baughman and Sophia Weeks married 25 December 1868. Sophia was the daughter of John and Mary Weeks. Mary Anna's siblings included: Willis, Laura Kruse, Maria Elizabeth, Cora Brandon, Dora Boren, Ward, Margaret Herendeen and Benjamin H. Isaiah died 22 August 1911, after moving to Auburn, and is buried in Woodlawn Cemetery.

James Bruce Arthello Wilson and Mary Anne lived on the family farm near Norris Chapel Church where they were members. When there was a death in the neighborhood, "Thell" as he was called, rang the church bell.

Their children were Truda Baren Dunn, John Hubert Wilson, Ford Wilson and Dorothy Culbertson.

James Bruce Arthello Wilson died 02 March 1927 and Mary Anne died 12 February 1953.

Submitted by Helen Wilson

John Wilson and Amanda Bair

John was born 14 March 1840. His parents were James and Jane Moody Wilson of Jefferson County, Ohio. In 1844, they moved to DeKalb County in a one-horse wagon and settled on section 33 in Wilmington Township. James Wilson died in 1847.

John Wilson served four years in the Civil War. On 11 July 1861, he enlisted with Company E 11th Indiana Volunteers, known as General Wallace's Zouaves. He participated in several major battles including Shiloh. He was discharged as a 1st Sergeant 26 July 1865 at Fort Henry, Baltimore, Maryland.

A farmer and carpenter, he married Amanda Bair on 17 May 1866. Amanda, a daughter of Randolph and Catherine Painter Bair, was born 14 September 1844 in Holmes County, Ohio. Amanda's paternal grandfather was Christopher Bair. Randolph Bair came to Allen County in 1845.

John and Amanda were pioneer members of Norris Chapel Church, their farm being on the southeast corner across from the church, where he served as Trustee in 1883. He was Justice of the Peace in Union Township. He was Justice of the Peace in Union Township, owning land there.

Their children were Morton Rudolph, James Bruce Arthello, Alma O'ciell and Mary Myrtle.

John was a member of the Grand Army of the Republic (G.A.R.). He died 01 April 1903 and is buried in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn, Indiana.

Submitted by Helen Wilson

Richard Keith Wilson and Helen Louise Olds

Richard "Keith" Wilson and Helen Louise Olds married 08 June 1942, in the Butler Church of Christ by Brother William Nice.

Keith was born 22 March 1920 in Wilmington Township. He was the son of John Hubert and Esta Marie (Keller) Wilson. His paternal grandparents were John Arthello Wilson, a Civil War veteran, and

Mary (Baughman) Wilson of Wilmington Township. His maternal grandparents were Lewis and Mary (Gunsenhouser) Keller of Wilmington Township.

Helen was born 03 June 1922 near Butler, Indiana. She was the daughter of James Ernest and Clarissa (Cordellia) Olds. Her paternal grandparents were Ira and Viola (Hart) Poper of Milford Township, Defiance County, Ohio.

Helen Louise Olds Wilson and Richard Keith Wilson

Keith Wilson and Helen Louise Olds

Keith attended the Mooresville grade school and he and Helen graduated from Butler High School, where they met, in 1939 and 1940. Keith entered the service, 31 October 1942, and served with the 778th Tank Battalion attached to the 11th Armored Division under General George Patton, as a 1st Sergeant of the Service Company. His outfit saw service in France, Battle of Metz, Battle of the Bulge, Germany, Austria, Czechoslovakia, being discharged 01 November 1945. Nineteen members of his Service Company met for the first time in Williamsburg, Virginia, 04 September 1986.

Keith worked for Harold Seltenright learning the masonry trade, becoming self employed in the Wilson Masonry Construction until 1968, when he worked for Supreme Transit Mix, as a salesman. After two years of retirement and traveling, he returned to work and was employed by Klink, Inc., Kendallville, Indiana. Keith retired in 1987. He was a member and past Commander of the Charles Foster Blaker Post 202, American Legion, Butler, Indiana.

Helen, a homemaker, began employment in 1967 at Harold Nickols Grocery and Sutton Super Valu in Butler, until 1985, and was employed at Necia's Exquisite, Waterloo, Indiana. Helen retired in 1990.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson are the parents of four daughters: Ricky Houser, Cindy Chorpenning, Bonny Dyson and Wendy Spencer. Keith and Helen have eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Keith was an avid fan of the DeKalb County Fair and active in anything related to horses and ponies. He attended the Live Oak Invitational in Osceola, Florida in January 1991. He enjoyed the lives and activities of his grandchildren. He contended with a rare type of cancer for a year and passed away 21 March 1991, one day before his 71st birthday. His memorial is on the Olds plot in the Butler Cemetery.

Helen retired in 1990 and continues to live in the family home on East Main Street in Butler. She enjoys her family, friends, Butler Church of Christ, civic activities and traveling.

Submitted by Helen Wilson

John Hubert Wilson and Esta Marie Keller Wilson

John "Hubert" Wilson was born 22 December 1897 in DeKalb County, Indiana. He was the son of James Bruce Arthello and Mary Anna (Baughman) Wilson. John, the father of James Bruce Arthello Wilson was a Civil War Veteran. John Hubert Wilson's grandmother was Amanda Bair Wilson, the wife of John (the Civil War Veteran).

Esta Marie Keller was born 23 August 1900 in Wilmington Township. She was the daughter of Lewis and Mary (Gunsenhouser) Keller. Her paternal grandparents were Daniel Keller and Rebecca Houk Nelson Keller. Her maternal grandparents were Jacob and Catherine (Ginder) Gunsenhouser.

Hubert and Esta were married 15 March 1919.

Esta graduated from Butler High School in 1918. Hubert and Esta were engaged in farming on the Keller family farm. In 1944, they were into the trucking business with Rudeman Farms. They moved to Butler, where they purchased the Cleo Boyles house on South Broadway Street, where Hubert died 03 June 1956.

Hubert had a brother, Ford, and two sisters: Truda (Wilson) Dunn and Dorothy (Wilson) Culbertson. Mrs. Wilson had a sister, Alta, who married Hubert's brother Ford.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson had five children: Richard Keith, Lloyd, Rebecca (Wilson) Reas, Lewis, and Evelyn (Wilson) Adams.

Esta was a homemaker, worked at the Sheehy Convalescence Home and assisted many people who needed care in their homes. She entered Betz Nursing Home in 1975, and resided there until her death, 06 September 1986. She was involved in the crafts and activities of the home.

Submitted by Helen Wilson

Joseph Wingard and Maria (Speelman) Wingard

Joseph Wingard was born 05 October 1829 in (probably Stark County), Ohio to John and Polly (Zent) Wingard who were from Franklin County, Pennsylvania. Joseph grew up in Stark County, Ohio and likely he and Maria Speelman (b. 12 May 12 1831) were married there 23 September 1852. Their first three children were born in Ohio between December 1853 and January 1857. They moved to DeKalb County sometime in the late 1850s as they are in the 1860 Census in Wilmington Township with the three children. Joseph was a farmer and continued in that industry. A fourth child was born in DeKalb County in 1864.

Their children were: Reuben Wingard (born 09 December 1853), John E. Wingard (born 24 September 1855), Charles Franklin (born 12 January 1857) and Ira N. (born 09 October 1864). John E. married Ella Pyle 10 February 1876 in DeKalb County. John had two sons and was also a farmer in Union Township in 1880. Charles Franklin married Amanda Grambling 12 February 1885. He went by the name Frank and was a farmer in Wilmington Township. Ira (b. 09 October 1864) married Edith unknown and was also a farmer in Wilmington Township. Charles, Amanda, Ira and Edith are all buried in an Auburn Cemetery.

Joseph had two brothers and a sister. His older brother, Jacob, lived in Williams County, Ohio, and was a farmer in Center Township. His second brother, John, was living in Williams County, Ohio when he died at age 26. Sister Susannah stayed in Stark County, Ohio and married Cornelius Clapper, also a farmer.

Joseph died 23 August 1905 in DeKalb County and Maria died 16 July 1913 in DeKalb County and they are buried in Evergreen Cemetery.

Submitted by Leona Wingard

Elmer Justus Winslow Family

Elmer Justus Winslow was born 27 January 1939 to Lester Justus and Edith Elizabeth (Warstler) Winslow. They lived on the Winslow Farm just off County Road 35 east of Auburn. Elmer had one younger brother and sister, Lionel Edward and Nancy Elizabeth Winslow.

Elmer attended Bog Island School, Grades 1-4 and Pyle's School, Grades 5-8. These one room schools were located on County Road 43 east of Auburn. He attended Auburn High School but did not graduate. He spent most of his working years at Rieke Corporation. He loved the winter time. He would go ice fishing and snowmobiling. He enjoyed young people and had many young friends.

Elmer was married twice. By his first marriage, he had a son, Mark. His second marriage was to Iola (Ritchie) Denton, who had a daughter, Pamela Ann. Elmer adopted her when she was five years old and her name was changed to Pamela Ann Winslow.

Elmer passed away 07 October 1993. Both children are married with families of their own and live in the Auburn area.

Submitted by Iola Winslow

Edith Elizabeth Warstler and Lester J. Winslow

Edith Elizabeth Warstler was born 07 June 1913 to Curtis Edward Warstler and Anna Claretta (Armstrong) on County Road 29 in Jackson Township, DeKalb County, Indiana. She had three sisters and a half brother: Dorothy Warstler, Marie Warstler, Juanita Warstler and Norman Coak. Her parents moved to Auburn in 1923.

Edith attended Riley, Harrison Jr. High and Auburn High School. She worked at the Little Brown House, Schaab's Dept. Store and Reike Corp. She retired in 1973 from Rieke. She enjoyed quilting, crocheting, knitting, traveling, baking and her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Edith married Lester J. Winslow on 31 March 1934 in Madison, Indiana. They had three children: Elmer, Lionel and Nancy Winslow.

Lester Winslow 15 died September 1968.

Elmer Winslow died 07 October 1993.

On 16 June 1980 Edith marred Vincent Trausch from Edon, Ohio. Vincent died 04 January 1983 in Ruskin, Florida. On 03 January 1986 Edith married Dale Hershberger. They lived on Snow Lake, Fremont, Indiana. Dale died 01 December 1998. Edith moved to Auburn Sept.2002 to live with her daughter Nancy Ware.

Submitted by Irene Olney

Henry A. Winslow

Henry A. Winslow was born 10 August 1847 in Stark County, Ohio, to Catharine Kerstetter and the father is unknown. The father of Henry passed away with scarlet fever before Catharine and he got married. The

l to r: Seated: Cynthia Mary (Thomas) and Henry A. Winslow.
Standing: Nellie Venzuela (Shoemaker) and Justus Adonis Winslow.

family has been searching for this man since in the 1930's. All that is known, his name must have been Winslow. He died before any records were kept.

Henry A. Winslow came with his mother to DeKalb County, Indiana and settled in Richland Township, living with her about one year. He was then taken and reared by his Uncle Urias and Aunt Lydia Thomas, with whom he lived till he was 21 years of age. (Aunt Lydia Kerstetter, was a sister to his mother.) He received a common-school education, attending the Auburn and Waterloo High Schools. He began teaching in 1867 and taught about 12 years during the winter season. He always walked to school to teach. Henry worked on the farm in the summer. He was an efficient and successful teacher and always popular with his pupils. Abandoning teaching, he turned his attention wholly to agricultural pursuits, at which he was very successful. Henry's farm contained sixty acres of choice land on County Road 35, east of Auburn.

Our subject married Cynthia M. Thomas 20 August 1868, who was the sixth daughter of John and Mary Anna (Hover) Thomas. John & Mary Anna were early settlers of DeKalb County, settling in Union Township in 1843 on the farm that our subject lived at on County Road 35.

Our subject had one child Justus Adonis Winslow, born at the family home, 28 September 1870. Justus married Nellie Venzuela Shoemaker on 27 April 1899.

Henry A. Winslow died 06 May 1925 and his wife, Cynthia Mary, died 30 June 1931 at their home on County Road 35. They were both buried at Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn, Indiana.

Submitted by Irene J. Olney

Lester Justus Winslow

Lester Justus Winslow was born 03 June 1904 on the Winslow farm east of Auburn on Co. Rd 35 to Justus A. Winslow and Nellie (Shoemaker) Winslow. He had an older sister, Harriet Winslow and an older brother Elmer Winslow. He was married twice. A son Lester Ross Winslow was born in 1931 and died in 1965.

Lester attended grade school at Canners School. Lester worked 17 years at the Auburn Automobile Company, 22 years at the Auburn Rubber Company and eight years at Rieke Corporation. He farmed the family farm until his death of a heart attack 15 September 1968. He enjoyed fishing, hunting and his grandchildren

Lester married Edith Elizabeth Warstler 31 March 1934 in Madison, Indiana. They had three children: Elmer, Lionel, and Nancy.

Elmer Justus Winslow was born 27 January 1939. Elmer Winslow died 07 October1993 of cancer. Lionel Edward Winslow was born 20 April 1941. Nancy Elizabeth Winslow was born 14 February 1943.

Submitted by Irene Olney

Daniel and Mary (Walter) Wolf

Daniel Wolf was born 23 November 1808 in Columbiana County, Ohio, to Adam and Susannah (Steinbrenner) Wolf. Adam and family moved to Columbiana County from Virginia about 1803/04. Daniel grew up in that county and about 1838, many members the Wolf family moved to the Richland County (later to become a part of Ashland County Ohio). Daniel and Mary Walter were married in Richland County on 16 November 1843. Mary's parents were Benjamin and Catherine (Shambaugh) Walter. Both were natives of Pennsylvania. Mary was born 30 Jan. 1820 in Union County, Pennsylvania.

Daniel, Mary, and family migrated to DeKalb County, Indiana, after the 1850 census and settled on a farm in Franklin Township, section 21.

Daniel and Mary had the following children: Malinda (b. 1846, d. 1933; married (1) Amzi Myers, (2) Levi Myers; Amanda (b. about 1848, d. 1895), married 1870, Jacob J. Myers; Andrew (b. 1850, d. 1877); Lucinda C. (b. about 1853, d. unknown), married 1875; Samuel Hendricks), Matilda (b. 1855, d. unknown), married 1874, William Rohrbaugh; Samuel (b. 1857, d. 1921), married 1883, Harriet Crowl;, Allen (b. 1860, d. 1941), married Philana Clark; William (b. 1866, d. 1939), married 1889, Minnie Gurtner.

Daniel died on 20 December 1883 at his home and was buried at the Hamilton

Cemetery, Steuben County. After his death, Mary lived with her son, William, on the family farm until her death on 11 January 1902. She was buried next to Daniel.

Submitted by Lina Zerkle

Lillian Mae Stocks and
Frank Carleton Young.
Wedding Picture – 01 March 1918

Frank Carleton Young

Frank C. Young was born 10 February 1885 12:00 noon at Massillon, Ohio and was married 01 March 1918, 4009 Grand Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois, to Lillian Mae Stocks by Rev. Frank W. Barnum (Methodist). Lillian was born 16 April 1891 in St. Paul, Minnesota. Frank was an electrician in Chicago, they spent many weekends at Auburn, Indiana with his cousin Nellie (Shoemaker) and Justus A. Winslow and family. After Frank retired, they moved to Linn Creek, Missouri. and he died of cancer shortly after in 1956. Lillian died in 1973 and they are both buried in the Waterloo Cemetery.

Frank had one sister Kathryn Francis Young, born 12 September 1888, 8:25 A.M at Woonsocket, South Dakota. Kathryn's first marriage was 05 June 1907 at Salida, Colorado to Hayden M. Peel. At Crown Point, Indiana, on 19 March 1922 she married her second husband, Victor McInhill, who was an electrician and was born 05 January 1885 at DeKalb, Illinois.

Frank and Kathryn were born to Jennie Bell (Francis) and William Seward Young. Jennie Bell was born 08 February 1865 at Waterloo, Indiana and died 03 September 1916 at Chicago, Illinois. Jennie is buried at Waterloo. Jennie Bell married William Seward Young 30 September 1883 at Waterloo by Rev. W. O. Butler. William Seward was born 23 August 1850 at Massillon, Ohio and died accidentally 17 August 1918 at Canton, Ohio, and is buried at Massillon, Ohio. Jennie Bell & William were divorced 14 February 1894 at Woonsocket, South Dakota.

It is believed that Frank spent his childhood days in the Waterloo Indiana area.

Submitted by Irene Olney

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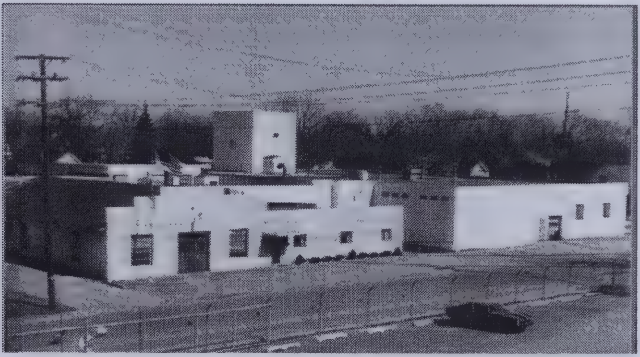

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